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ACG to start construction by year's end

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From left, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, Alter City Group chair and president Kin Ian Leong, and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres lead an earthmoving ceremony for ACG's hotel casino resort project on Tinian's Puntan Diablo yesterday.

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TINIAN—Alter City Group, the investors planning to build a world class resort on prime Tinian coastline property, brought an impressive display of banners, stages, dance, and pomp to a earthmoving ceremony for their touted $1.2-billion project, targeted to begin construction by the end of this year, according to ACG officials yesterday.

ACG welcomed dozens of guests and dignitaries including Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Cabinet heads, and VIP investors from China and more than a dozen representatives from media companies from Hong Kong and Macau to witness the event that took place on their Puntan Diablo property yesterday afternoon.

» Earthmoving ceremony celebrates economic promise for Tinian

Despite the sweltering heat, officials remained upbeat, and touted the promise the project had, which will also include casino gaming, in store for Tinian.

"Today we are honored to be working with Tinian, the CNMI government, and its people… to establish a new international entertainment and holiday nation here on the island, the new Alter City resort," said ACG chair and president Kin Ian Leong, through a translator.

"We believe it will be loved by investors and guests. Our corporate team will begin legacies. The investment for this

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Settlement conference set in foreign workers suit vs Dynasty over CW-1

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The federal court yesterday held a pre-settlement conference in connection with a lawsuit filed by over 500 current and former foreign workers against the owners of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino over the denial of their CNMI-only Transitional Worker (CW-1) petitions.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy discussed with parties her expectations for the upcoming settlement conference, which is rescheduled from Aug. 4, 2016, to Sept. 7,

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TEC donates fuel to Dynasty barracks

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» Gym, youth center ready for affected ex-Dynasty employees
» Donations in storage

TINIAN—Donated goods for the over 100 abandoned employees of the defunct Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino are in storage and it is "just a matter of when" for the Tinian government to help affected employees to move into the Tinian Gymnasium and youth center, said Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas yesterday.

"We are ready," he told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview. "We are still waiting whether water

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Sen. Francisco Cruz handed a $100 check to United Filipinos Association on Tinian president Rodney Cabarles toward the efforts of helping abandoned Tinian Dynasty and Hotel Casino employees.

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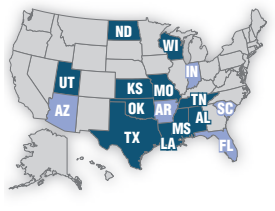

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Project Lead the Way to strengthen STEM in NMI

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The non-profit group Project Lead the Way is working to strengthen the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics curriculum of the CNMI especially in public schools. PLTW master teacher Jeff Ostrom is on Saipan training San Antonio Middle School teachers.

JON PEREZ

Project Lead The Way master teacher Jeff Ostrom, second left, observes while two of San Antonio Middle School's teachers work on a project in yesterday's training program of the non-profit group at the school's cafeteria.

The CNMI became the second island chain, next to Hawaii, and the first U.S. territory that was visited by a PLTW representative. PLTW is a non-profit group whose idea is to promote and develop STEM to all elementary and middle and high schools.

Ostrom said he was supposed to arrive in early August last year but he did not push through with his trip after Typhoon Soudelor struck Saipan. He has been training SAMS' teachers, instructors, and other teaching staff since last week.

"I'm trained to teach all teaching staff in the sixth to eighth grades about STEM. We started here at San Antonio Middle School with the hopes of going to other schools in the future. The program is geared toward elementary and high school students," said Ostrom.

He added that the program that he teaches, which is a gateway to appreciating and learning more about STEM, are all activity based that would help teachers guide their students in the said curriculum.

"One of the activities that I taught them is a platform in robotics. It is about gear ratios, transfer of energy, and design, and modeling. It is an introduction to solve the engineering design process," said Ostrom, who is expected to finish his two-week training for SAMS' 13 teachers this Friday.

"I'm also going to introduce them to automation and robotics. Understanding the engineering and the mechanical side of robotics. Next will be structural programming in computers," added Ostrom.

He said that he would possibly return next year or PLTW would send another instructor for summer training. PLTW is involved in thousands of schools and millions of students for its STEM program.

Ostrom has an 18-year teaching experience particularly in mathematics and STEM education and holds an undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in elementary mathematics. "There's a correlation between math and science. We need to make it more meaningful and engaging to the students.

What is automation? (vex building, understanding robots, engineering careers, and what do we use robots for?); mechanical systems (observing mechanisms, mechanical gears, windmill construction, pull toy construction, and survival challenge); automated systems (beef up your tech resources, robot behaviors and writing pseudocodes, using robots, automation through programming, and simulated factory assembly line) are part of Ostrom's teaching program.

PLTW was founded in 1997 starting in New York State. The non-profit group, now based in Indianapolis in Indiana, provides STEM programs to K to 12 public and private school students.

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2 students from NMI remain in OSU's honor roll

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The CNMI's Keanah G. Deleon Guerrero and Amanda Maria W. Santos kept their respective spots on the Scholastic Honor Roll of Oregon State University. The grading period was for the Winter term.

Deleon Guerrero is a sophomore taking up Anthropology as her major under the School of Language, Culture, and Society of OSU's College of Liberal Arts, while Santos is on her final year studying her undergraduate degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Science.

Both made it to the Scholastic Honor Roll of OSU after ending the Winter term with

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‘Recognize importance of farmers, ranchers’

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Department of Lands and Natural Resources acting secretary Manny Pangelinan called on the community to recognize the importance of people behind the local agriculture industry—farmers, ranchers, fishermen, and even backyard planters.

He made the statement during last Saturday’s 33rd Annual Saipan and Northern Islands Agricultural Fair, which had the theme “Farmers and Ranchers Bring Life to Our Islands,” at the Garapan Fishing Base beside the Garapan Public Market.

Pangelinan said the Agricultural Fair has been one of the longest events on Saipan aside from the annual Saipan Fishing Derby.

“It has been celebrated for three decades and we continue to celebrate it every year to recognize, appreciate, and showcase the best locally grown crops. To exhibit the finest cattle, hogs, and other farm animals that are raised locally,” Pangelinan said.

He added that their job is not at all easy but the products they produce are beneficial to the community. “Agriculture is part of our culture and way of living. It is not an easy task but the animals you raise and the products you reap are the benefits we all enjoy.”

“The farmers and ranchers continue to play an important role in our community and in our economy. It is nothing more rewarding than to enjoy local products,” said Pangelinan.

He encouraged all farmers and ranchers to continue their hard work since the administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog are committed in strengthening the local agriculture sector.

Tim Kock, the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service dean, said in his brief speech that those working in the agriculture sector—farmers, fishermen, ranchers, and backyard planters—need support coming from the community.

“Farming is no different today than it was done more than 100 years ago. It is important for the people to know where their food comes from. The farmers, fishermen, and ranchers are the people who provide food for you so let’s support those who provide for us.”

Reina Camacho, who hosted the event, also echoed the same sentiment especially now that it is more challenging for farmers and ranchers this time. “Farmers and ranchers, working in our lands and livestock, they endure various challenges so they need our continued support.

Camacho, who is also the Saipan and Northern Islands Fair Association public information officer, also thanked Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang and the DLNR for their assistance every year.

Chelsea Lorenzo (youth division plants), Edward Deleon Guerrero (adult division vegetables and fruits), and Greg Camacho (livestock) were the contest winners.

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The Supervisor Boot Camp will take place at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of Marianas Business Plaza, Suite #315. Part I is set for Thursday, July 21, 2016, and Part II is set for Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016. Each course is $45 per person for members and $50 per person for non-members. Sign up for both courses and get the price of $80 (member fee) or $90 (non-member fee).

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In Memoriam committee lines up events for 2016 event

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The In Memoriam committee has lined up a number of events that would create awareness and drumbeat the event commemorating the men, women, and children who died during the Battle of Saipan in World War II.

The Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council is leading the committee for the annual blessing of the Marianas Memorial Monument at the American Memorial Park. The event is set on Oct. 28 at 4pm.

The committee plans to have at least five members from the Office on Aging to speak in KKMP's morning radio talk show each week. The plan to guest in the radio show is either mid July, August, or in September.

They decided to have only five since the space is limited at the KKMP radio station at the Cabrera Center in Beach Road.

Members from the Office on Aging would speak about their experiences on pre-war (if there's someone who is still alive), during the war, and post-war Saipan.

The committee is also asking the offices of the Carolinian and Indigenous Affairs if they know someone who could speak about the role of their relative played during the war.

They would also invite scholars and other historians who are experts and well read about the Battle of Saipan to also speak in the middle of October a few weeks before the memorial. All dates are to be announced at a latter time.

The committee is also having an essay writing and logo making contests open to all middle and high school student. The theme would most likely be about commemorating all men, women, and children who died in the war.

The committee will again meet on July 14, Thursday, at 10am at the conference room of the Office on Aging in China Town.

This will be the third straight year that the SNIMC is organizing the event, which commemorates all civilians who were affected and became casualties of World War II.

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will be stopped. Once they pull the plug on the water that will also be a turning point. Right now, it's a wait-and-see situation. They are still there."

He also elaborated on the TDHC's expected new employer Tinian Entertainment Corp's interest in shouldering the cost of airfare for these affected employees back to their home countries.

The mayor said TEC head investor Tim Chen expressed this during their hearing last Friday when they awarded a conditional casino license by Tinian gaming regulators and that this would include all 200 of the affected workers or "for everyone who's willing to go back home," San Nicolas said.

"I think that's very encouraging. I know [the employees] want to get paid their salaries and they are entitled to that and I hope they will be paid eventually but having funds to pay for their way back home is also a step in the right direction."

He added the local Department of Labor has jurisdiction over the settlement agreement and in that there are punitive damages that are owed and that he is sure Labor is on top of the back wages issues too.

"I wish that the employers were here to respond to their issues but they are not. Fortunately, TEC is here, with Tim Chen, and it is very pleasing for me to know that he is willing to shoulder the costs for them to go back home."

Still, he could not give a date for the TEC takeover or opening of business. "I know they have a conditional license… but there are other issues that need to be resolved like Labor and FinCen," he said.

Meanwhile, because fuel was anticipated to run out last Sunday, the new TDHC employer, TEC, decided to give employees "some more supply of diesel fuel enough to run for at least three hours" a day, said United Filipinos Association on Tinian president Rodney Cabarles yesterday.

"Right now, the employees decided to stay inside the barracks," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said he doesn't know how long the fuel will last but the fuel would help keep employees' food frozen.

"Again, even the food I don't know how long the supply will really last and if the new management will continue to provide them" with that, he said.

He said non-profit groups like the United Filipino Organization and the Tinian Lions Club are helping accepting donations and UniFil will help organize distribution.

They have not started distributing yet and have so far received assorted items, in-kind donations like detergent powders, shampoos, toiletries, for example.

He said they have just received a $500 donation from the UFO on Saipan.

They also received a $100 check from Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian) yesterday.

"We are getting the information as to how many employees really need the donations, so we can divide fairly," he said.

He added they are coordinating for affected Filipino workers through the Philippine Consulate in Guam to help them return home to Philippines but that "there was no exact number yet" of those who are willing to return home.

"But we advise them to coordinate closely with the Philippine consulate in Guam."

Asked how the sentiment or moods were at the barracks, he said, "It's really bad. They feel abandoned. They still have claims from the old management."

ACG

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project is more than $12 million. Divided into three sections, our plan is to complete [it] in 12 years," Leong added.

Chief executive officer Edvon Sze says they target beginning construction by the end of the fourth quarter this year.

He said in order to get their earthmoving permit they have to have all the technical drawings construction drawing, including soil and erosion controls, among others.

"In these next couple of months, we are going to be very busy…So hopefully by the fourth quarter, we can able to get everything and be able to start construction" and, "hopefully, within two or three years' time we can complete our Phase 1," Sze told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview after the event.

Alter City has said they plan to erect 250 luxurious villas in Phase 1 of its project, together with a casino, 5-star hotels, and a golf course.

Managing director Ken Lin said the day was a good one.

"This is just the first step, the hard work starts now," Lin told *Saipan Tribune*.

He added it took them "day and night for about a month" to set up the venue for the ceremony, which includes large displays of company banners shipped from mainland China, a large stage, and photo podium, among others. "Starting from the ground. We were standing on a lot of bushes and trees and starting from the ground, getting a permit, getting a tent, and getting all the things organized. Everything you see here had to be shipped."

Lin said they would start with getting permits for construction and working in detail with construction companies on constructions designs. "Everything else is going to move very quickly from now on… Once the construction goes… it is going to be fast here, it's going to be a good one."

"Today is a historic day," said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres during his remarks. "Today we do an earthmoving ceremony for Tinian, for the people of Tinian. This permit has been approved a couple of years ago. We are here celebrating hard work that has been done.

For the people of Tinian, you guys need leadership. And this is the leadership you have," Torres said, acknowledging Tinian lawmakers involved at the beginning of the project.

"As we move forward, this is the leadership that will take care of Tinian's economy. I urge that you continue to support the leadership that you have, because this is the fruit of the work that has been done," Torres said.

Also turning to ACG officials, Torres said, "When you succeed, we succeed."

Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas extended his congratulations to ACG's achievement. "Today's event is no small feat. To get to this point, Alter City Group endured many months of hard work to their vision of a better and brighter Tinian," he said, thanking ACG for their many donations and constant presence in the community.

"I applaud Alter City for their unwavering commitment to our community and I thank you for believing in Tinian's potential," said San Nicolas.

Lt. Gov. Hocog, for his part, thanked ACG "for choosing this small island…to invest the many dollars that you want to gamble this investment." He said it's been long days and months to realize work that's started since the project began in 2013 and extended the administration's support in placing "priority" on the development.

"It's a great feeling for the people of Tinian," said Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian). "We are very excited since the get go of this project and up to this day. Moving forward, we stand ready to support this venture with Tinian. I want to thank the administration, Gov. Torres and Lt. Gov. Hocog, for blessing this project and this investment for the people of Tinian. Because at the end of the day, the CNMI would benefit with the success of Alter City Group. I'd like to ACG and we look forward to better days for the island of Tinian," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

"As mayor of Tinian, I am very proud of the accomplishments of Alter City Group. They are true stewards of our community, having contributed so many ways to the community of Tinian," San Nicolas said in an interview. "And now with the earthmoving and the eventual ground breaking and construction and hopefully ribbon cutting in the future, Tinian is posed to move forward in its development plans.

"On behalf of the leadership, we thank the officials of ACG, all the employees and staff who made today's event a success. We stand to assist development on Tinian in anyway. And our door is always open," he added.

ERRATUM

The name Jolena Kitano in the picture that was published in Monday's story "Lucky patrons treated to free movie tickets" was wrong. The name should have been Iris Rangamar. We regret the mistake.

DYNASTY

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2016 at 8:30am.

Attorney Samuel Mok appeared at the conference telephonically on behalf of the foreign workers. Attorney Daniel Dotts appeared telephonically as counsel for defendants Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd. and Mega Stars Overseas Ltd..

According to the minutes of the conference, Kennedy ordered the workers to submit a demand to defendants by July 5, 2016. The defendants were ordered to respond to such demand by Aug. 23, 2016.

Kennedy said any terms regarding payment or disputed terms will be discussed during settlement conference.

Kennedy ordered that representatives with full settlement authority should be physically present during the settlement conference.

In their lawsuit, Eric F. Dona and co-plaintiffs, through counsel Mok, alleged that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied to them about their immigration legal status.

The plaintiffs alleged that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied that they were legally authorized to work notwithstanding the denial of their CW-1 petitions.

The plaintiffs' amended complaint adds a claim of constructive fraud against HKE and HKE majority shareholder, Mega Stars.

Mok asked the court to preliminarily and permanently enjoin the defendants from terminating plaintiffs' employment or removing their name from an administrative appeal.

The lawyer moved the court to issue a declaration that HKE's statement that it was legally permissible for the plaintiffs to continue working even though the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services had denied their CW-1 petitions was false.

Mok requested the court to hold HKE and Mega Stars liable to pay the workers damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

Some of the workers already left the CNMI.

STUDENTS

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a 3.5 or higher grade point averages. They were also on the honors list in last year's Winter and Fall terms.

Deleon Guerrero and Santos were among the 3,994 students at OSU who earned 3.5 (B+) or better, while another 969 students got straight A's or 4.0. A student must have carried at least 12 graded hours of course work to make it on the Scholastic Honor Roll.

Deleon Guerrero was a consistent honor student while studying on Saipan and was Koblerville Elementary School's sixth grade class 2008 valedictorian, while also receiving the Commissioner's Award and academic recognition for math, science, social studies, and reading.

Santos, on the other hand, was inducted as a full member of the Northern Marianas College's Beta Lambda Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society in 2013. She was inducted along with 14 other students.

Maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, serving and contributing to the community, and service and leadership activities are the qualifications for membership in the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Manglona sees sufficient Dynasty assets to fully pay employees, plane crash survivors

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said yesterday that there appear to be sufficient assets of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino to fully compensate both plane crash survivors and Tinian Dynasty's employees who worked for weeks without receiving pay.

Nevertheless, Manglona ruled that because CNMI Department of Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero cannot satisfy the requirements of intervention as a matter of right under Rule 24 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, it is ordered that her motion to intervene into the lawsuit filed by two plane crash survivors is denied.

Last April, Manglona ordered Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd., owner of Tinian Dynasty, to pay $1.4 million to plane survivors Tomoyuki Nagata and Dr. Jun Takimoto and his family to satisfy their settlement agreements.

DeLeon Guerrero moved to intervene into the plane survivors' lawsuit because she is worried that Manglona's previous order could impede Labor's ability to collect the remaining $416,24137 in judgment for liquidated damages against Tinian Dynasty for nonpayment of wages to its employees.

Manglona

The order that the Labor secretary was referring to was Manglona's March 10, 2016, order to HKE to refrain from selling or transferring any of its property assets, except in the normal course of business. She issued the order following the request of Nagata and Takimoto.

Nagata and Takimoto were among the seven passengers of a Piper Cherokee aircraft that crashed on a farm in Upper Dandan en route to Tinian on Aug. 11, 2006. HKE settled the lawsuits filed by the survivors, including one filed by Takimoto and his family, and Nagata.

In a written order issued yesterday that denied DeLeon Guerrero's motion, Manglona said because DeLeon Guerrero's case does not relate to the "property or transaction that is the subject of the action," intervention must be denied.

Manglona said as a matter of law, the Labor secretary is not entitled to relief, but the court is mindful that its injunction on HKE's payments not in the normal course must be subject to equitable considerations.

The judge said presently, based on the representations of the secretary and the plane crash survivors, it appears that there will only be a brief delay between full payment to one set of victims and full payment to the other.

Manglona said such a brief delay in full payment is an ordinary circumstance insufficient to invoke equity; neither party expects that HKE will find itself unable to pay.

"To be clear, should the ordinary delay in resolving the judgment become extraordinary, or should other events make the injunction function as a tool of expression rather than justice, the court remains open to future motions for modification," she said.

Man arrested for allegedly beating, raping ex-girlfriend

Kim-Tenorio

An intoxicated woman allegedly called her former boyfriend to have sex with him, then complained that he allegedly beat her up after having sex inside his car and then later raped her at the same location at Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa early morning last week.

Ernest Vincent Milne Camacho, 25, a marketing ambassador of a casino, was served with an arrest warrant in Garapan on Monday night on charges of assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and sexual assault in the first degree.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio maintained the $25,000 cash bail that the court had earlier imposed in issuing the arrest warrant.

Preliminary hearing will be on July 8, 2016 at 9am. Assistant public defender Tillman Clark was appointed as counsel for the defendant. Assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley appeared for the government.

Kim-Tenorio also quashed a bench warrant issued against Camacho for failing to appear at a court hearing pertaining to his traffic case. The defendant yesterday said he would pay the $50 fine and court costs to resolve the traffic matter.

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that a police officer responded to a residence in Chalan Kanoa last Wednesday, June 22, at 4:54am after the victim called to report about a domestic violence.

» Drunk woman said to have called ex-boyfriend for sex

Aldan said based on his investigation, the victim arrived home in Chalan Kanoa last Wednesday at 12:30am after she consumed six cans of beer and two shots of whiskey at the residence of her cousins in-law.

The victim then called her former boyfriend, Camacho, and asked him if they could have sex. Camacho picked her up at 1am with his car and drove her to a small opening east of the boat ramp area at Sugar Dock.

After having sex, the victim confronted him that triggered their argument. She then kicked him off of her, causing Camacho to get mad.

Camacho then allegedly started beating her by slapping her on the face, choking her neck, and punching her on the left ear.

The half naked victim started crying due to pain on her neck and left ear, but Camacho allegedly grabbed her by the hair and pulled her out of the car. He dragged her from the ground and threw her back into the front passenger seat and shouted at her to shut up.

Camacho then drove the car and told her he was taking her to Capitol Hill to sleep with him.

She insisted to drop her home in Chalan Kanoa. Camacho subsequently drove her back to the same area in Sugar Dock, where he allegedly sexually assaulted her without her consent.

In January 2014, police arrested Camacho for allegedly choking the same victim on Oct. 26, 2013 and for causing damage to the house of his girlfriend's mother on Dec. 17, 2013. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/SWMD16-RFP-001

PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES TO RECEIVE, PROCESS & MARKET SOURCE SEPARATED RECYCLABLES & THE OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF THE RECYCLING FACILITY AT THE LOWER BASE TRANSFER STATION

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies or individuals to provide services to receive, process and market source-separated recyclables and the operation and maintenance of the recycling facility located at the Lower Base Transfer Station (LBTS), Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-210** (competitive sealed proposals) of the Procurement Regulations.

The Scope of Services will be available on or after **June 22, 2016** at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950. A non-refundable payment of One-Hundred-Dollars (US$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the Solid Waste Management Division office.

A Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., local time, at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station on **July 13, 2016.** Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz, Director of Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950 or fax to (670) 322-2762 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time **July 18, 2016.**

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"DPW/SWMD16-RFP-001."** For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposal must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 (formerly Emergency Management Office behind CHRB Postal Office), no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **August 01, 2016.**

Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose.** Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **August 01, 2016,** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 01, 2016** and must be received no later **August 10, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of proposal.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offer. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

The firm selected will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section **70-30.3-245** and must be able to obtain a CNMI Business License prior to contract award.

Procurement of these services is made in accordance with NMIAC Section **70-30.3-210** of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposals for the project will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification and Experience of the Firm: 20%
2. Experience or equivalent on Similar Projects: 20%
3. Technical Approach: 35%
4. Cost: 25%

Technical merit is more important than price and the Government reserves the right to award to other than the lowest proposer. As proposals become more equal in technical merit, the importance of price will increase.

Award shall be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined in writing to be most advantageous to the government taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in this request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the general public that the CNMI Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program 2017 Plan is now available for review and the public comments from June 23, 2016 to June 29, 2016. Interested member of the general public may review the WIC 2017 State Plan at the WIC Program's Administrative Office located at Mayoria Ave Building No. N-25. Our office hours are from 7:30am to 4:30pm (Monday – Friday). All public comments must be submitted in writing to the WIC Program Administrator at the same office no later than June 29, 2016.

/s/ **Esther L. Muna**
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ **Erin Angela Camacho**
WIC Program Administrator

Jury trial begins in security guard's lawsuit vs Mobil Oil

A jury trial began in the Superior Court yesterday in a negligence claim against Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc. filed by a security guard who alleged that he was injured when he fell into a ditch on Mobil Oil's premises in Lower Base, Saipan in December 2013.

After the parties completed their opening statements yesterday morning, attorneys Victorino DLG Torres and Matthew Holley, counsel for plaintiff Herman Indalecio, started calling their witnesses in the afternoon.

Saipan attorney Thomas E. Clifford and Guam attorney Richard L. Johnson of Law Firm of Blair Sterling Johnson & Martinez P.C. are counsels for Mobil Oil Mariana Islands.

Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja is presiding over the trial.

Indalecio asked the court to hold Mobil Oil liable to pay him damages for medical care and expenses, for pain and suffering, emotional distress, mental anguish, and diminished qualify of life. He also demanded payment for attorney's fees and court costs.

In Indalecio's complaint, Torres said Indalecio fell into a ditch at Mobil Oil's premises located in Lower Base on Dec. 21, 2013.

Torres said Mobil knew or by the exercise of reasonable care should have discovered the dangerous condition regarding the ditch, and should have realized that it creates an unreasonable risk of harm to others such as Indalecio.

Torres said Mobil failed to maintain the premises in a safe and prudent manner by not putting a fence or a barricade where the ditch was located; not properly ensuring that its premises are safe to walk in; and not providing adequate warning signs to caution individuals of the dangerous condition.

Mobil counsel Clifford said Mobil Oil's terminal in Lower Base is a highly regulated place by various federal and local agencies.

In Mobil's opening statements, Clifford said the evidence will show that Indalecio got hurt because he did not take his duty as a security guard responsibly by not following the designated route patrol on the premises.

Clifford said Indalecio was not faking his injuries, but was exaggerating.

Clifford said Mobil Oil contracts Triple S for the security guards and reasonably expects that the guards would do what they're supposed to do.

He said the accident would not have occurred if Indalecio just followed the designated patrol route, stayed in the designated walk, and observed the warning cone.

Clifford said it's undisputed that plaintiff declined several offers to call 911, that he told his boss that he was fine, and that he did not call for an ambulance.

The lawyer said two months after the accident Indalecio was walking normally and for the rest of 2014 he worked 40 hours a week. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Mother gets 1-year probation for giving false statement in daughter's passport application

A mother was slapped Monday in federal court with a one-year probation sentence for providing false statement in an application for a U.S. passport for her minor daughter.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramon V. Manglona also ordered Yu Zou to pay a $5,000 fine and $100 in court assessment fee.

Manglona required Zou to publish a letter of apology in a Chinese and English publication in order to educate others about her case.

Interpreter Betty Bai told the court that she would be able to assist Zou with publishing her apology letter through one of the Chinese newspapers on Saipan.

Manglona said the court would be satisfied with the defendant surrendering her letter to Bai before departing the CNMI.

At a change of plea hearing last June 17, Zou waived the required investigation by the U.S. Probation for a presentence investigation report due to her eagerness to return back to her very young children in China.

At Monday's sentencing, Manglona ordered the defendant's passport and her child's passport to be returned to her.

Assistant U.S. attorney Russell Lorfing disclosed that the U.S. government had just served a subpoena on Zou in order to secure her testimony for the upcoming trial of her co-defendant in this case.

Defense counsel Benjamin Petersburg stated he had some discussions with his client, Zou, regarding this issue.

Lorfing concurred with defendant's recommendation to a sentence of probation and requested that a fine be imposed.

Petersburg recommended a sentence of probation and agreed that fine should be imposed.

The indictment charged Zou and Yan Juan Hu Taitano with one count of making a false statement in a passport application.

According to the indictment, on Dec. 3, 2014 on Saipan, Zou and Taitano knowingly made a false statement in the application for a U.S. passport for the minor child.

In the application, Zou, allegedly aided by Taitano, stated that she had never been married, "which statements she then and there well knew to be false."

Attorney Bruce Berline, co-counsel of Zou, stated in the defendant's sentencing memorandum that given Zou's personal history, her acceptance of responsibility, her lack of criminal history, a sentence of one-year probation with appropriate terms and conditions would be sufficient, but not greater than necessary to effectuate the purposes of sentencing.

Berline said Zou's actions involve making a false statement for the sake of expedience, not realizing the import of her actions.

Berline said Zou did not steal or use another person's identity or personal information, and she did not submit an application in the name of some other person, and she did not submit an application for a passport to which her minor daughter was not entitled.

Rather, the lawyer said, Zou made a false statement believing it would expedite the processing of her daughter's passport.

"No one disputes that Mrs. Zou's daughter is a U.S. citizen and qualifies for a U.S. passport," he said.

Berline said while Zou omitted her husband's information in the passport, she did not do so because she was applying for the passport without his knowledge.

"Rather, she did so because of her mistaken belief that, because her husband could not travel to Saipan, it would easier and faster to leave his name off of the application," he said.

Berline said Zou's husband submitted sufficient information to the State department from China and their minor daughter's passport has actually been processed.

Berline said nevertheless, Zou has admitted her actions and taken full responsibility, acknowledging that it was wrong to provide false information on her daughter's passport application.

Zou is a university graduate who was employed prior to leaving work to take care of her family, the lawyer said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Labor chief to talk about 902 talks at SHRM meeting

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter will have Department of Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero as speaker during its monthly general membership meeting tomorrow, June 30, from 11:30am to 1pm at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's Cabaret.

DeLeon Guerrero will brief the SHRM membership regarding the requests made by the CNMI to the federal government during the recent 902 talks in Washington, D.C. This program will be of special interest to all HR professionals and managers who are dealing with present and anticipated labor needs and problems.

This presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers and HR professionals and staff to better understand the government's plan to resolve the CNMI's growing employment problem. DeLeon Guerrero will provide an opportunity for questions.

The presentation includes the delicious PIC lunch buffet at the cost of $20 for SHRM members and $30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Pina Deleon Guerrero by e-mail at pinadlg.shrm@gmail.com or by texting 285-7462 or Penny Jones by e-mail at penny.jones@hyatt-saipan.com or by telephone at 323-5868.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The society serves the needs of HR professionals and advances the interests of the HR profession. Founded in 1948, SHRM has more than 250,000 members in over 140 countries, and more than 575 affiliated chapters. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. For more information about the NMI Chapter, you can visit their website at http://nmichapter.shrm.org. ***(PR)***

SHEFA application deadline this Friday

The deadline for applications to the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance is this Friday, July 1.

Supporting documents, meanwhile, have a deadline of Sept. 30. 2016. All supporting documents must be complete before submitting it to the SHEFA office. Application and checklist can be downloaded from SHEFA's website.

To all college graduates (previous SHEFA recipients), you are required to submit your official transcript, copy of your degree and complete a graduate form for compliance purposes.

For more detailed information regarding financial assistance and compliance, you can log on to the SHEFA website at www.saipanshefa.net; send your inquiry to saipanshefa@gmail.com; call our office (670) 233-5995. ***(PR)***

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Opening Date: June 15, 2016
Closing Date: July 6, 2016

Position: **Receptionist**
Salary: **PL 20/08 – $20,234.110 to PL 20/12 ($24,584.230 P/A)**
(Starting salary will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.)

Job Location: NMHC Central Office, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950

Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, together with NMHC's employment application form, during regular working hours at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI and austerity holidays.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

Applicants are requested to submit their original application and supporting documents to the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, 2016, **OR MAILED AND POSTMARKED** no later than July 6, 2016, to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager at (670) 234-9447/7689 or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of:	)	FCD AD NO. 16-0186
	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
Richardson Brady Kadguyed Mungwaath Minor Child	)	
By: Richard Taman Mungwaath Potenciana Helbert Fritz Petitioners	)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on the 11th day of July, 2016 at 1:30p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2016.

Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of:	)	FCD AD NO. 16-0187
	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
R.T.M. Jr. D.O.B.: 3/28/2011 Minor Child	)	
By: Richard Taman Mungwaath Potenciana Helbert Fritz Petitioners	)	

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MVA: All eyes on Beach Road Pathway

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Thieves accessed a welded pull box and attempted to steal copper wire from the newly relit Beach Road Pathway on June 24, 2016. The Marianas Visitors Authority is asking all citizens to report suspicious activity along the pathway in the evening and early morning hours to prevent a reoccurrence.

The Marianas Visitors Authority is asking for the community's help in protecting the newly re-energizing lighting of the Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway, following an attempted theft of copper wiring the very day the lights were re-energized.

"It's very disturbing," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Here we are working to improve the island for our visitors and residents by making the pathway safer for us in the evenings, and people are stealing the wire and putting us back in the dark. We have spoken with our partners at the Department of Public Safety and are in agreement that we must swiftly crack down on these types of incidences before they become all too common. There are laws in the books that must be enforced vigorously in order to protect and preserve our image as a safe beach resort destination. The MVA will have spent nearly $1 million when the pathway lighting is completed, and it will all go to waste if copper wire thieves are left unchecked."

The discovery was made on Saturday (June 25) morning, the very day after the MVA, Department of Public Works, and other entities relit the pathway lights from Kilili Beach Park to the Cabrera Center in southern Garapan.

Following a theft incident in May 2016, the pull box covers were welded to deter access.

This time the thieves were not able to completely open the boxes and steal the wire, but still managed to snag a cable and cause damage.

"We are calling for all eyes on the Beach Road Pathway in the evening hours, especially very late at night and early in the morning. We need everyone to be vigilant in protecting this lighting," said Concepcion. "Tour operators and drivers heading to and from the airport for early morning flights, people getting off of work or heading home, please make a note of who and what you see loitering around the pathway. Report any suspicious activity by calling 9-1-1 immediately. If you have any tips—descriptions of cars or individuals you saw—call CRIMESTOPPERS. If we all make the pathway part of our neighborhood watch while driving on Beach Road at night, we can help prevent further theft."

The restoration of lighting after the attempted theft has required additional funding and repair.

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MTEC begins scholarship program

The Marianas Tourism Education Council announces the commencement of its scholarship program to encourage graduating high school seniors to pursue higher education, and graduates can apply at the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The MTEC board will award a $1,000 scholarship and a $500 scholarship for two seniors from the class of 2016 who have been accepted to a university or college.

"The MTEC Board of Directors voted to award the scholarships to help a high school student pay for tuition and supplies, or living and transportation costs," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "The student must have been a member of the MY WAVE Club at least one year while in high school, and so we hope to encourage more youth participation in the coming years."

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have at least 1-year membership in a high school MY WAVE Club.
- Submission of Official Transcript from last high school attended showing GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Recommendation Letter from a current or former Teacher, MY WAVE Club advisor, counselor, or administrator.
- Essay submission from applicant, describing career pathway/goals and purpose of study (300-500 words essay limit, typed).
- Acceptance Letter from University or College applied to.
- Three (3) proof of MY WAVE CLUB (MWC) active participation
- Submission of the MY WAVE Club/ Community Involvement Summary

Applications are available at the MVA office or by emailing MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas (mduenas@mymarianas.com) or Community Programs Specialist Ryan Calvo (rcalvo@mymarianas.com) or by calling 664-3200 for more details. The deadline to apply is 4:30pm on July 15, 2016. ***(PR)***

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FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE
TRANSFER STATION
SAIPAN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
PW 39-1, DR-4235-MP

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) intends to provide federal financial assistance under the Public Assistance program to the Saipan Department of Public Works (DPW), through the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Emergency Management Agency, to restore and protect facilities at the Lower Base Transfer Station (proposed action). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and FEMA's implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides interested parties with a notice of its final decision and an explanation of the alternatives that were considered.

The proposed action would occur in the Village of Puerto Rico, Saipan, CNMI. The project area is depicted on the CNMI Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Map Number 6900000032C, effective date April 3, 2006. The FIRM shows that the project area is in Zone AE, an area with a 1-percent probability of flooding every year and an established base flood elevation of 6 feet.

The purpose of the proposed action is to restore and protect recycling facilities at the Lower Base Transfer Station. These facilities were damaged by winds and rain associated with Typhoon Soudelor, which caused damage throughout the CNMI between August 1 and 3, 2015. The proposed action would replace chain-link fencing, stop signs, oil containers, tin roofing, sheetrock, and a glass pulverizer. In addition, DPW proposes to install a reinforced-concrete foundation, grade beam, and slab floor for the glass pulverizer and construct a reinforced-concrete enclosure around the glass pulverizer. A map of the project area and its location within the floodplain is available for public inspection. Any party interested in receiving a copy of the map should contact the FEMA Region IX Environmental Officer at the address or phone number below.

Two alternatives to the proposed action were considered: Alternative 1 (taking no action) and Alternative 2 (relocating the glass pulverizer to the Marpi Landfill). The glass pulverizer needs to be in close proximity to the recycling facility and to the shipping port of Saipan. Dependable utility service also needs to be available for the glass pulverizer. FEMA has determined that the proposed action is the only feasible alternative available to DPW. The proposed action would not adversely affect the floodplain and would benefit the public by restoring recycling service. DPW proposes to install the glass pulverizer at an elevation 4 feet above the base flood elevation. Further mitigation is not necessary. The proposed action conforms to local floodplain standards. DPW is responsible for implementing and monitoring the proposed action.

Additional information about FEMA's proposed action may be obtained by writing the FEMA Region IX Environmental Officer at FEMA, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607 or fema-rix-ehp-documents@fema.dhs.gov, or calling (510) 627-7027. All requests should be received no later than July 14, 2016. No action will be taken before this date.

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ADDENDUM NO. 2
July 15, 2016
ITB16-GOV-120
Construction of the Tinian Municipal Transfer Station

For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time, July 15, 2016. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time, July 15, 2016, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service of the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 15, 2016, and must be received no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time, on July 26, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., ChST, July 26, 2016. However, if no notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders from outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m., Saipan Local Time, on July 15, 2016.

The search for LibDay Festivities' 'Lucky Star' winner

June 20 was a day for treasure hunting for Skywalker Communications Group public relations manager Rose Ada-Hocog and the Skywalker team.

It all began on Friday night when young Parveen Mingefiiy stepped up to the line and handed her tokens to the game booth attendant for a chance to win at the Balloon Pop game. With just one try, Mingefiiy landed a dart right in the center of the star-shaped bull's eye. Not realizing what had happen, the young "Lucky Star" hitter was ready to throw her second dart, but was halted by the cheer from her younger sister as well as the crowd around her.

The reaction on her face that followed was an epic look that screamed, "Did I do that?"

After collecting her large teddy bear prize from the game, Mingefiiy and her family disappeared into the large Friday night crowd before the Skywalker team and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang had the chance to present her with her surprise gift for hitting the Lucky Star on the first try.

The Skywalker Communications team took it to the Internet via Ada-Hocog's Facebook page, where a search went viral in pursuit to finding the "Lucky Star" winner. Many of the CNMI's residents shared Mingefiiy's photo in hopes of ensuring she receives her surprise prize from Dr. Bo Hu of Skywalker and Apatang.

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Parveen Mingefiiy, left in black shirt, is the CNMI's "Lucky Star" winner.

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The dart in the center of the bull's eye was thrown by Parveen Mingefiiy.

Within 24 hours Mingefiiy's photo was going viral on Facebook and her mother, using the Facebook handle: Naveen Pua-Ming, responded with a "woohooo! Awesome job baby! Her name is Parveen Mingefiiy! {"right on" emoji & "star" emoji}. Immediately after receiving a response from Mingefiiy's mother, the Skywalker team began making arrangements to award Mingefiiy her prize, but were faced with another challenge. Sunday was Father's Day and on Monday Mingefiiy and her family were leaving for summer vacation.

According to Dr. Bo Hu, "we owe it to "Lucky Star" to ensure that she receives her prize before she leaves the island." Instructions were then issued to the Skywalker team to stop everything they were doing and take to the streets to find "Lucky Star." "Stop whatever you are working on. Your priority is to find 'Lucky Star' and give her her prize before she leaves," instructed Dr. Bo.

Honoring Father's Day, the Skywalker team left the family alone on Sunday to enjoy their day together before departing the islands. The very next morning, the team hit the streets and drove around the island in an attempt to catch Mingefiiy and her family during their vacation preparation runs. Again, the team had no luck. Skywalker's Ada-Hocog contacted the Commonwealth Ports Authority and sought their assistance in finding "Lucky Star."

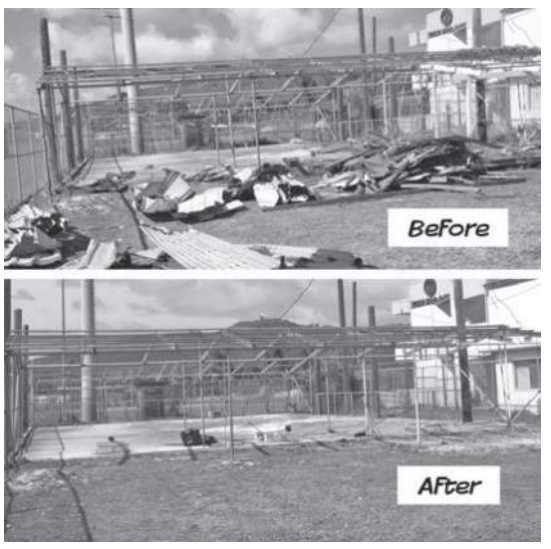
"There is a special young girl that will be leaving the island today," Ada-Hocog explained to the CPA receptionist and the Ports Police. "I need your help to find her so we can present her with her prize." Without hesitation, and after explaining the Do's and Don'ts to Ada-Hocog, the Ports Police sprang into action.

The Skywalker team then proceeded to the airport to meet with the Ports Police to put their plans in motion. After spending half of the day at the airport waiting for Mingefiiy and her family to arrive at the check-in counter and by 2pm, the Skywalker team was ready to accept that they missed "Lucky Star" and her family. "I turned to look at the check-in line one more time and there they were," Ada-Hocog explained. The team immediately jumped up and practically ran to where the family was standing. The Mingefiiy family, although startled at first, smiled after they realized what the team was there to do. "Thank you" said Mingefiiy's dad. "You guys went out of your way to give our daughter her prize." Ada-Hocog smiled and responded, "There is one more surprise." It was then that the CPA team carried out their part of the surprise.

"The teamwork and collaboration between Skywalker, the online and offline community members, and the CPA, to find "Lucky Star" and make sure that she receives her prizes is a testament to the spirit of *familia* that is still present here in the islands," said Ada-Hocog.

"The Liberation Day Festivities is not just about remembering the lives lost and the sacrifice and hardship made by many," said Dr. Bo. "It is also about reflecting on and celebrating the two important things in life—family and friends. This is one of the reasons why we [Skywalker Communications Group] decided to step up to the plate and provide assistance in organizing the festivities. The theme: Our Islands Our Heritage says a lot about the respect and recognition of the importance of family and friends here in the CNMI and we are proud members."

BSI-CSR team gives facelift to Oleai Sports Complex



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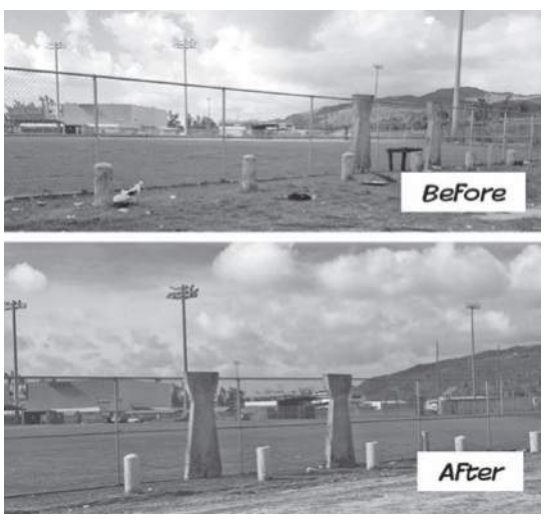
Debris of what was left of the batting cage behind Tan Ko Baseball Field were finally removed and cleaned up. The BSI-CSR team removed old and torn tin roofs posing a safety issue to the public.



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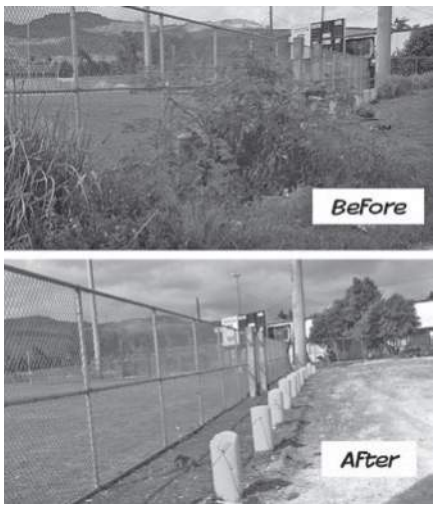
A before-and-after look at the side of the baseball field. BSI-CSR team handled landscaping and repainting of the markers.



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A close-up look of a better version of the area surrounding the baseball field.

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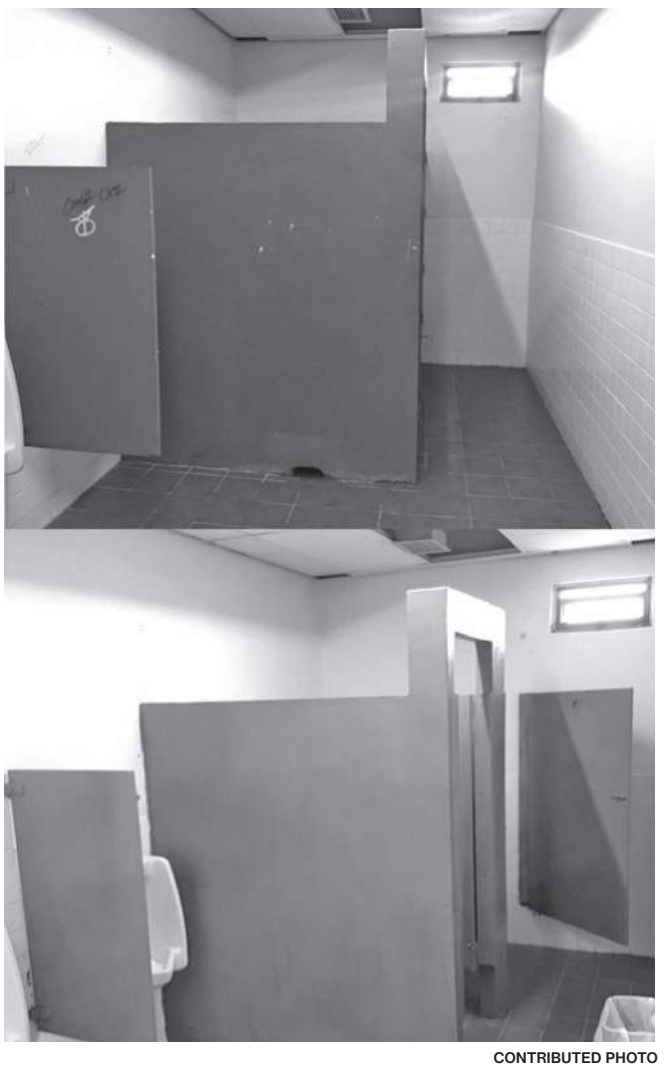
A before-and-after look of the women's bathroom at the Ada Gym.

Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team initiated massive revamping of the areas surrounding Francisco "Tan Ko" C. Palacios Baseball Field and the restroom of Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium as the CNMI plays host to the Marianas Baseball Classic.

The pre-clean up preparation was held recently providing these areas fresher looks and a major facelift since Typhoon Soudelor damaged the facilities. ***(PR)***



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The restroom at Ada Gym is given a fresher look including repainting and massive cleaning.

Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. Grand Opening

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, right, and Palau President Tommy Remengasau were among those who are eagerly waiting for the opening of the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. restaurant last Sunday.

Triple J chair and chief executive officer Robert Jones, ninth right, enjoy a light moment with other executives of the company.

Guests were treated to island-style songs.

Shrimp lovers will find the new restaurant in Garapan as their own personal heaven.

Lt. Dan's Surf & Turf is a shrimp-ribs combo.

A portion of the crowd that packed the restaurant.

From left, Triple J Enterprises corporate director of human resource Francisco S. Ada Jr., Palau President Tommy Remengasau, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. manager Ringgo Medina, and Triple J Saipan Inc. special project analyst Perry Inos Jr.

Former CNMI governor Benigno Fitial, left, and incumbent Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

An enthusiastic and friendly staff will welcome customers.

Triple J Enterprises construction operations manager Mario Valentino, left, and brother Rocco, who is the International Operations and Franchising director of Landry's Restaurants, Bubba Gump's parent company.

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Brexit's bump for Trump

If you're a supporter of Donald Trump, last week's big international news raised your prospects for a bright Nov. 8 as well. British citizens' rebellion against the European Union is one more vindication of Trump's campaign calculus on this side of the pond: Millions of voters in Western countries are furious about unchecked immigration, overweening government regulation and slow jobs growth after a recession that ended seven years ago this month.

In short, those voters are furious with developments that have well-served liberal and conservative elites: a globalized economy, the easy movement of migrants between countries, an expanding role for government in the lives of the governed.

We'd wager that, as we type these paragraphs, Hillary Clinton's game-planners are in full freak-out. The British vote doesn't repudiate her; she wasn't on Thursday's ballot. But she'll soon be on one here. And to many Americans, she represents just the sort of central-control, heavy-handed, know-it-all ethos that the European Union represents.

This is a humbling moment for anyone who opposes Trump and asked a no vote on Brexit. That camp includes … us. We published editorials urging Republican convention delegates to mutiny against Trump in Cleveland, and suggesting to the Brits that staying in the EU would be best for everyone.

We haven't changed either of those opinions. But we also know that denial isn't a strategy.

Brexit is a big bump for Trump. It ratifies his arguments that citizens should reject the dictates of technocrats, politicians and self-anointed experts.

Clinton's advisers are smart enough to know that they have to engage the populism and nationalism that have fed both the Brexit revolution and the ascension of Trump. They're also smart enough to know that U.S. polls showing Clinton leading Trump might be just as reliable as those British polls that projected Remain beating Leave.

The Brexit turbulence reminds us of a passage from British commentator Clive Crook — no fan of Trump — that we noted in early June:

Liberals and conservatives who make a living from politics, or love it as an end in itself, pronounce tirelessly on liberty and social justice and the deep constitutional principles at stake in federal bathroom policy. The rest of the country doesn't care about this permanent war of ideas and worries more about holes in the road, what's going on in the schools, depleted retirement savings, and the latest hike in health-insurance deductibles. … As to whether politics as usual has failed the country and something needs to change, I'd definitely start paying attention to those people. On that important point, they're absolutely right.

The Brexit vote was about that dangerous disconnect between those who rule and those who are ruled.

As Friday dawned in America, the presidential race here is more up for grabs than it was at sunset Thursday. Brexit attests from afar that this won't play out as the customary collision of Democrats and Republicans, of liberals and conservatives. A sentiment for protest is rising, if not raging.

You don't buy it? You still think that as more Americans pay attention to the choice they face, the most established

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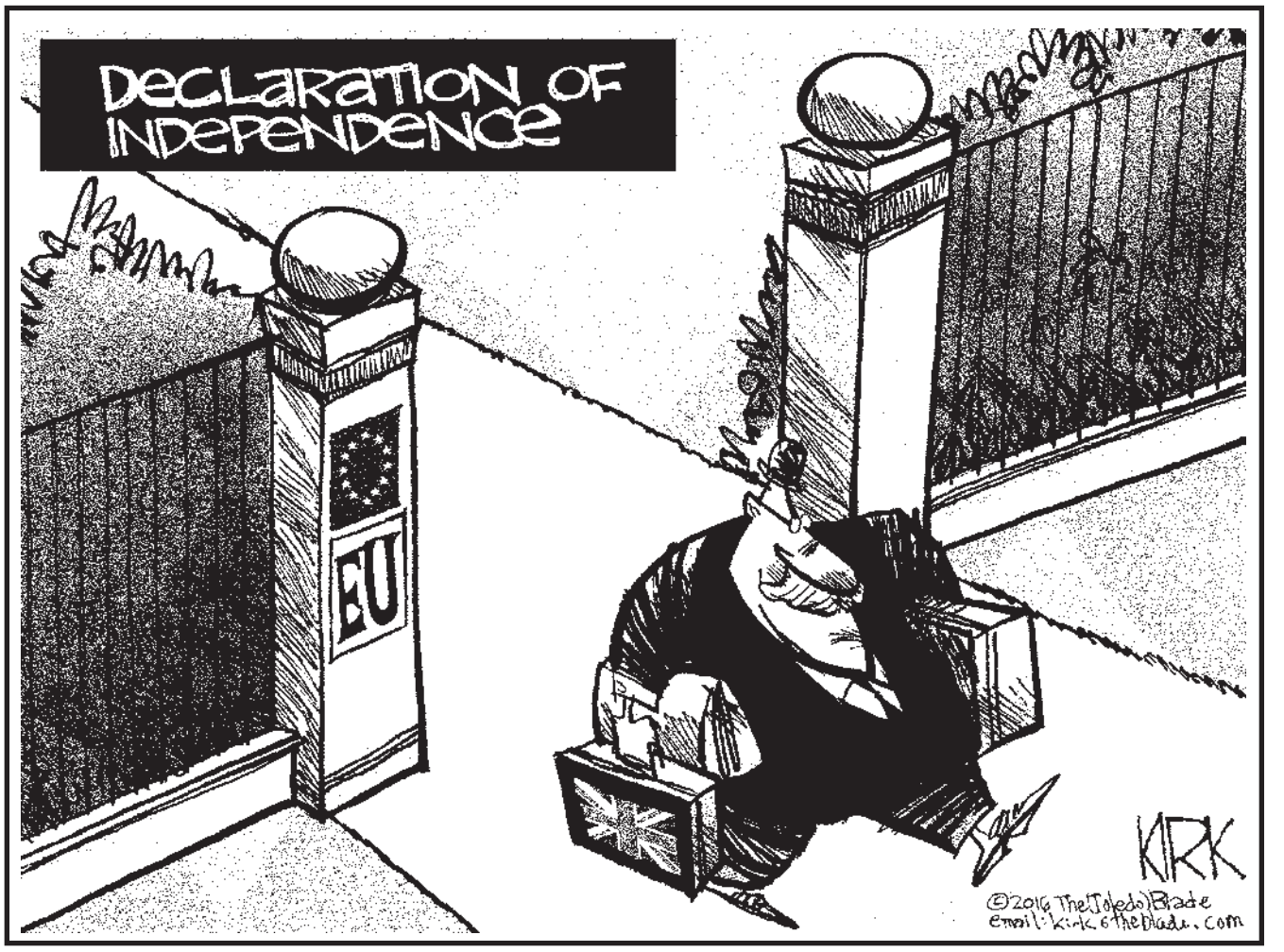

Inventory

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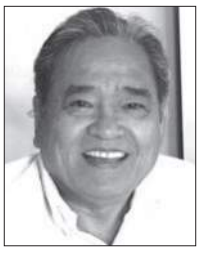

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I was to finish inventory of my classroom June 6 like everyone else but since I was a gap-filler to Grade 1 students who had me as their fourth teacher for the year, I dove into the pedagogical challenge without familiarizing myself first with the computerized system in place at PSS. My last PSS stint was as a 6th grade teacher at SVES in 2008; digitized technology had advanced ever since.

One of the teachers who helped enter my grading sheet said that I reversed the process of orientation and had the introduction to the school process on the last week. The PSS website utilized a program where teachers entered their daily data so that come grading period, all the office had to do was sum the file and generate grade reports.

I did mine manually and devised a one-page grade sheet for the class rather than a blow-by-blow grading on each of the assessed Standard Core components, summarized the result under the rubric of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The prescribed curriculum was rather specific to the standard addressed, so a teacher spent a lot of time assessing more than teaching, or, rather, the process of assessing was the occasion for teaching.

I took 23 brains, showed them a three-part picture and the functions they performed and challenged them to use their brains and their smarts. The students' mode of learning was shifted from being the recipient of wisdom from an "expert" to being an active participant in their own learning, discover their own self-consciousness. They were taught to learn how to learn.

If my orientation was at the end rather than the start of the term, I also missed the cruciality of the students' ego periodically needing massage; they were trained to be motivated by awards and rewards, or, at least, the occasional praise of achievement. The need to be recognized was very strong that those used to being praised but weren't turned to be defiant and intentional nuisance. One particularly smart girl would say, "I am bored" if she felt ignored, as if it was someone's responsibility to "unbore" her. By the time I recognized the "ego" need, it was too late.

Discipline was imposed by scare and fear.

There was deceptive copying of other people's work and since the students could not be isolated from others, I got the slow learners seated with the fast one, a mistake because it was not until halfway through the term that I discovered four of the students could not even write their names but were able to copy another's work so their output was impressive though inaccurate of their ability; two were unable to understand the teacher though they all professed to have been born on Saipan and were carrying a U.S. blue passport speaking English. Six were ahead of everyone, and the rest, hanging in between on a wide spectrum, struggling to make sense of their new dispensation.

Words and numbers were the two identified subjects their brains needed to use in order to describe their sense experiences (sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch), the *sine qua non* of learning. My objective added the learning-to-learn motif, got them to see the structure of their brains and know what they already knew: they all sensed, felt, thought, and did. But there were those who would rather be "nobodies" while I affirmed the reality that at the moment of conception, they were "somebodies."

I used my email name that has 2031 tacked at the end. I shall be 86 by that year, and I claimed the 86-year journey, all of it, as decidedly my sole responsibility. I might decide that a behavior responded to something external to me, but the choice was still mine.

Decide. Choose. Big terms in their morning recitation when they repeated after me: "This is the day we have. We can live this day, or, throw it away. This is the day we have. We decide. We chose."

Decision and choice was exhilarating but done regularly, it became a burden. They were not used to deciding. They would rather have someone else make choices for them. They expected the teacher not only to tell them what to think, to identify right answers, and walk them through mathematical problem solving; all they had to do was follow orders.

The physical architecture of the class was designed for all 23 together. I gathered them into a circle, changed their seating arrangement and location every week so that they understood in practice that "change" was the nature of life, imposed order and stability was a temporary illusion, a mirage. They were also called upon to speak everyday so no one can hide behind "mute and silence" (four of the girls, at first, refused to speak at all and they just stared at me, but I aimed for everyone to be heard by everybody and they eventually opened their mouths).

I called it the 40-day dream, of learning how to learn, dialogical, relational, practical and relevant to their daily life. They decided. They chose. In the old metaphor, Hallelujah!

I bid the "crime" scene with sad pride. I, too, chose.

Rineskatan Inañgoghu

`An chatsaga hinasoghu hu arastreha lastrun biuhu gi inai `nai hu dalalag tumalaya antes. Hu tatiye kada pasu mientras hu rikokohe i guihan siha. Ayu na lastrun amku` pot direksion.

Dispues de katma hinasoghu `nai hu tutuhon manaitai gasetan elmundu yan estudiu siha gi inayeghu na asuntu. Sige teñga hu ebalua tat asuntu kumu sueddu, pinepble yan satbasion, appenas appottunidat para i famaguonta ni man-magradua gi koleho, kuttura yan tradision. Hu ebalua todu patte pot para bai` komprende i asuntu.

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Diniseha: Hu tatitiye kinalamten un` grupu giya Guahan ni chumochoneg tinilaikan modun linala` ni pinegan nasion siha ni dumispone i tanu desde 400 años tatte.

Dañkulu na chanda mafafana` `nai umatotpe pinayun niha pa`gu yan dinisehan para umareskata dignun natibu. Magahet na fuetsau na tinilaika maputa` gi entalu` `nai independente i natibu yan dispues de mana` dependente.

Mientras sige matrabuka i asuntu, mafattu lokue` kuestion haf` kuttura yan tradisioña i natibu pa`gu na tiempu? Hagas ta diñgu tradision linala` gualu` yan peska. Estague` ginen tradision natibu. Haf` pa`gu kuttura-ta yan tradision-ta?

Kase inafuetsas nuebu na modun administrasion chumoneg i natibu guatu gi bandan dependente kumu planun Amerikanu. Masusede este taimanu mapega gi Solomon Report desde antes. Haf` dichu i planu gi papa` este na pinetsige?

Gi halom rimulinu i natibu lokue` ha embrasa manu i siña umatbansague` de hemunos kau hafa` basula dignoña yan tradisioña. I Amerikanu (Navy) ha choneg finana`guen bisnis lau para i natibu libianuña macho`chu` `nai garentia na guaha pagamientu.

I popble na modun linala` umatisa dinisehan tinilaika guine kontodu dinaña` yan Guahan sisienta anos malofan. Ti masusede lau dispues mafotma kontrata yan Amerika gi mediu sisienta siha na sakan. Guaha mohon kampu para ta reskata dignun natibu? I kuestion katgadu ya haf` na chispas dañkulu na kakaguetes gi lañget paraisu!

Komplikau: Kada kalamten tumobet i tanu` ta añgog-hu na todu felis i karera-ta. Sige mona tasoda` na tai hanom i redi`eta`, ti nahuñg mañglu` un` reda. Dispues, man-malefa hit ni teñguañg-ta amotsan talo`ane.

I namanman i kada ratu ta repite i mismu diskuidu kulan mohon nuebu na kustumbre. Hita ha` sumapet mamaisa hit pot diskuidu-ta. Anog na taya` sattun na areglu gi megai na asuntun linahyan. I tautau gi señgsoñg pumadedese todu diskuidun hegsu` imperadot I Deni`.

Ke lau malag manu i sentidu na sensian tinemtum yan konsensia gi halom este na rimulinu? Kuantu mas na sapet para in` afuetsas gi publiku pot diskuidu?

Pinepble: Ripot gaseta ilelegña na guaha mas ke 300-500 na natibu mantai fanliheñg (guma`) giya Guahan. Gi halom este na tropa guaha siha ginen sankattan na Marianas.

Sige hu guadog manu `nai gaige hale`ña este na pinadese. I dumiñgu tano`ta pot inaligau appottunidat cho`chu`. Lau finagcha`e mantai che`chu pues makat apas atkilon guma. Ni kareta taya` para u fan malag i che`chu`. Manginacha` induktu gi katkuet kinalamten.

Masuñgun mañaga gi fina` atukan (guma` gi halom tanu`). Ayu `nai manhuyuñg man-epineduñg mantension ginen hagas tautau guine ni mangaige na felis kinalamten niha giya Guahan. Che`chu` yine`ase` pot manginen este sumatban ñaihon pinadesen niha.

Puntu? Pot diskuidun man-ma`gasta na manhanau lau otru pinadese ni mas chatsaga pumalo`pu` ha`anen niha.

Dios Mihu: Hu e`ekuñgog huntan sanpapa` na guma` pot CW (hutnalerun ginen hiyuñg). Anog klaru na ti makomprende fuetsan lai federat gi este na asuntu. Dispues, mafama dos palabra kulan mohon nuebu na konseptu. Lau i mismu palabras kehan pot diskuidun niha lokue`.

Gaige gi kontratan i Covenant na lai konstitusion yan federat supremu ke lai iya Marianas. Guiya este mafanana`an "supremacy of laws". Haf` ti u bulalachu asunto-ta `nai ni mismu para man-mamatinas areglu taya` kabales na kinemprende pot areglu!

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Hombre: Sige dinaña` manrikohen fondu (fundraising) para `nos kuantos kandidatu siha. I kuestion: Haf` makomple ni sustansiau para uma-adelanta linala` publiku fuera de manadan diskuidu? Namanman i sensian banida lau taya` makomple ni bintaha para i tautau siha.

Gi mismu tiempu, hita ni botadot umesaguen mamaisa hit sa` kada ratu ta pega tatte gi puestu ni ma-abusa pot interes niha. Malagu`yu` humuñgog haf` bidan niha i sais gi presente na representadot sanlichan na patte giya Saipan. Halo? Tinahuñg ni biba yan biliba! Binaya` i publiku sinparat na promesa ni kada ratu mana mamtu` sin mapañot!

Hafa Mas? Hu nanañga para umadandan kampanan pattida yan haf` para u fan mapresenta gi señgsoñg siha na biahe. Muñga iya` na para ta huñgog ma-introdusen kandidatu para u adiñgan ya ha lachai tuma`lun umitroduse todu i otru siha kandidatu. Dios tiampare!

Guaha lokue` mama` sai`antes karisu ya sige ha pasalista asuntu siha sin u diskute. Lau hagas ha fama na menhalomgue` pot asuntun linahyan. Mattu gi hana` disganau-yu` ni natatan hinassoña. Finu` i kanta "humalom mepplu, humuyuñg dañgas". Masusesede sa` patte este gi kustumbren Chamorro i banida!

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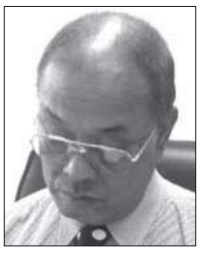

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lokue`. Ma-agañg un` amku` para u bendise lamasa. Gi uttimun tinayuyotña ilegña, "ya na fan mapedi todu ayu siha i mangaige gi otru banda". Dios mihu!

Gi ge`mage, ma-agañg un` amku` para u adiñgan. Sige ha diskute pot sisteman gobietnamentu yan chinatsagaña pot diskuidu. Ilegña, "Estague` finaisen-ta, puru hit ha` de gagamen de gagamen (government)". A`saina!

Guine, huli`e un` prohimu man-gagau kopble gi un` kandidatu. Dispues de ha botsa i bente pesus, ma-introduse i kandidatu ni pa`gu ha fofogse. Ilegña, "Ti u fangana si brutu! Guseña na ha sufa` i mama`te". Dispues de ha saulag bente pesus?

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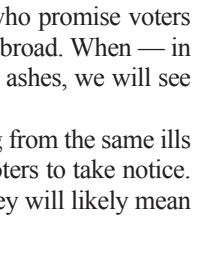
Usun ramenta desde kuha, fusiñus, machete, kama`, kubu, trastes makenista yan katpenteria debi un` eyag pot satbasionmu. Na seguru na un` tuñgu` usun machete. Cha`mu sasague` katkuet direksion sino hagu dada`da`! I puntu pot para un` safu gi kada biahe `nai un` usa katkuet ramenta. Muñga na halom hospitat `nai para tafan a`afana`gue!

Brit's turn to populism a warning to US voters



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LONDON—How fitting. As the Brits cast a stunning vote to quit the European Union, Donald Trump was opening a luxury golf course in Scotland and crowing that Britain did "a great thing."

This historic victory for the British Brexiteers is part of a nationalist trend that is gripping Europe and has spread across the Atlantic. The leader of the "Leave" campaign, the blond, mop-haired Boris Johnson, is a bombastic Trump clone who defied his Conservative Party's leader, Prime Minister David Cameron. Johnson will probably succeed Cameron, who announced his upcoming resignation Friday.

Talking to Leave voters on the Tube, in restaurants and on the street, I heard them regurgitate populist promises made by Johnson, and by his unofficial backup, the inflammatory Nigel Farage, head of the U.K. Independence Party. Many of these promises are unachievable or based on specious data. By Friday, Farage was already backpedaling on one key pledge — that Brexit would bring a huge cash infusion for Britain's national health service.

But, never mind. "We will get our country back," pledged the demagogic Farage. "We will get our independence back." He hopes his party will vastly expand on its sole seat in Parliament, buoyed by many white working-class voters who defected from the Labour Party to vote Leave. (From Scotland, Trump echoed Farage and Johnson: "Come November, the American people will have the chance to redeclare their independence.")

Of course, the differences between Britain and its onetime American colony are legion. But Americans who worry about the direction of U.S. politics should focus on what caused the political earthquake in Britain and why populists are on such a roll.

Public disaffection from mainstream political parties, and from the European Union bureaucracy in Brussels, has been growing for years. Longtime unemployment in former industrial areas created bitterness in the Labour Party's former heartland, while Cameron's embrace of austerity further alienated many voters. Both mainstream parties — Labour and Conservative — have lost popular trust and left openings for those who attack the establishment.

The Leave campaign produced two convenient targets to blame for economic pain: immigrants and the bureaucracy in Brussels. As a bleached-blonde woman dispatcher complained to me outside the gritty Newbury Park Tube station, echoing the Leave pitch: "People from other countries get priority. We should take care of our own."

Make no mistake, there is an immigration problem in Britain, as social services become overburdened. And the EU bureaucracy in Brussels has failed badly in handling the euro and refugee crises. But leaving Europe offers no silver bullet on either account, and it will do the economy more harm than good.

Take immigration. Britain has admitted almost no Syrian refugees, and, unlike other EU members, never gave up border controls. Half its immigrants enter legally from other European nations. Cameron had already imposed tighter controls on their entry.

If Britain now wants to negotiate a separate trade deal with the European Common Market, as it must, Brussels will no doubt demand it keep its doors open to European migrants. As for most of the remaining inflow, a large portion come from British Commonwealth countries such as India. Quitting the EU will do nothing to stop them.

Yet nearly every Leave voter I met believed that Brexit would effectively wall off Britain from foreigners and would somehow permit the country to renew its historic standing in the world. Once again, Britannia will rule the waves.

Instead, the vote has plunged Britain into uncertain economic terrain. It will lower Britain's international standing, not raise it. In a globalized world, operating solo provides less clout.

It may turn Great Britain into Little England, as Scotland — which wants to stay in the EU — is already pledging to hold another independence referendum.

And it will alienate the best of British youth by opening a glaring age gap. Seventy-five percent of voters age 18 to 25 cast ballots for Remain. I spoke with scores of young Brits the night before the vote, at an open house at Space Studios, an artists' cooperative in Hackney. All said they were voting to stay because they want the right to travel, study, and work freely in EU member states, and they appreciate the collaborative grants for the arts and scientific research that the EU provides.

Most disturbing, the Brexit vote may precipitate the EU's breakup — to the benefit of populist political parties throughout the continent. The French far right is already calling for a Frexit vote, and other euroskeptic parties on both right and left will follow.

Johnson and Trump think this would be fine (and so would Vladimir Putin, who wants to see Europe splinter). Their slogans are, respectively, "Britain first" and "America first." But for all its flaws, the EU has stood for something much more important than Brussel's often petty rules.

Germany's Angela Merkel, who lived under communism, gets it.

After the results were in, she said, "The idea of European unity is the idea of European peace … after centuries of terrible bloodshed \(and this\) is not to be taken for granted. In Europe we still feel the effect of wars."

The failure of both of Britain's mainstream parties to grasp the voters' mood has left the field to populists who promise voters they will "take back control" from enemies abroad. When — in a globalized world — those promises turn to ashes, we will see whom the populists blame.

America's mainstream parties are suffering from the same ills as Britain's, but there is still time for U.S. voters to take notice. As tempting as populist promises may be, they will likely mean little once the votes are in.

BREXIT

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politician will win?

You might ask Prime Minister David Cameron about that. After the crushing Brexit rebuke, he said he would resign.

For that matter you might ask Hillary Clinton or President Barack Obama. They, like Cameron, had urged Brits to stay in the EU.

You might even ask Donald Trump, if you can peel him off the ceiling: He sounded downright jubilant about the Brexit vote in a statement issued Friday: "Come November, the American people will have the chance to re-declare their independence."

We don't know what will happen Nov. 8. We do know the game just changed.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.
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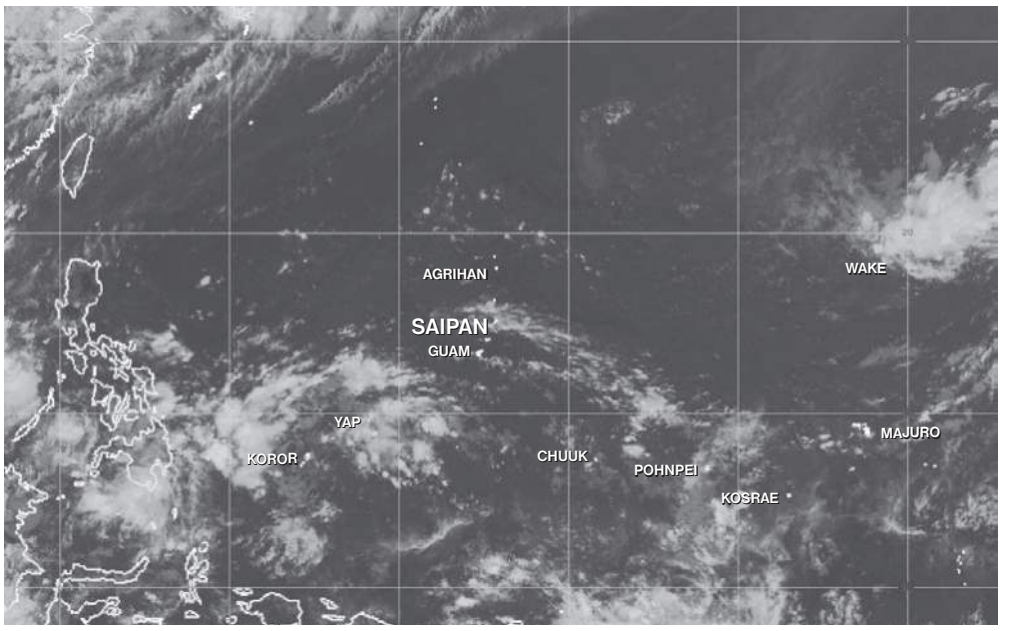
Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends eastward through 7N130E to near 6N146E. Patches of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found west of Koror and near Yap between 6N and 13N from 130E to 143E and south of Koror within 100 miles of 3N134E. A surface trough stretches southeastward from 9N158E to a weak circulation centered between Pohnpei and Kosrae near 6N161E, then continues to near 1N163E. Scattered showers are occurring near Pohnpei within 120 miles of a line from 10N161E to 6N158E to 1N159E. An upper-level low is centered northeast of Wake Island near 24N172E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen within 150 miles of a line from 22N166E to 20N172E to 24N179E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼81
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲89	▼77
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼77
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲60	▼50
Beijing	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼69
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼73
London	Rain	▲62	▼57
Los Angeles	Clear	▲87	▼67
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼76
Melbourne	Clear	▲58	▼47
Miami	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼77
New York	Light Rain	▲85	▼70
Osaka	Cloudy	▲80	▼75
Paris	Cloudy	▲73	▼59
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲79	▼67
Rome	Clear	▲92	▼68
Salem	Clear	▲86	▼54
San Francisco	Clear	▲70	▼53
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼68
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲78	▼70
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲88	▼68

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Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:18 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.02 Feet
9:18 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.37 Feet
3:16 PM	Today	High Tide:	1:45 Feet
8:46 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:57 AM	1:35 PM
Thursday	1:45 AM	2:34 PM
Friday	2:36 AM	3:34 PM
Saturday	3:29 AM	4:35 PM
Sunday	4:25 AM	5:36 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
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UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Business

Source: Volkswagen reaches $14.7B emissions settlement

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Volkswagen diesel owners can choose to either sell their car back to the company or get a repair that could diminish the vehicle's performance under a settlement of claims tied to the German automaker's emissions-cheating scandal.

The settlement will cost VW $14.7 billion, a person briefed on the settlement talks said Monday, but does not resolve all the legal issues stemming from its admission that nearly a half million vehicles with 2-liter diesel engines were programmed to turn on emissions controls during government lab tests and turn them off while on the road.

AP
In this Feb. 14, 2013, file photo, the Volkswagen logo is seen on the grill of a Volkswagen on display in Pittsburgh.

The figure represents the largest auto scandal settlement in U.S. history. The deal sets aside $10 billion to repair or buy back roughly 475,000 polluting Volkswagen vehicles. Whether they choose to have BW buy back their vehicle or repair it, they will receive a payment of $5,100 to $10,000, the person said. The person asked not to be identified because the deal will not be filed in court until Tuesday, and a judge has ordered attorneys not to talk about it before then.

How VW would repair the vehicles to bring them into compliance with clean air laws has not yet been finalized, the person said.

Owners who choose to have VW buy back their cars would get the clean trade-in value from before the scandal became public on Sept. 18, 2015. The average value of a VW diesel has dropped 19 percent since just before the scandal began. In August of 2015, the average was $13,196, and this May it was $10,674, according to Kelley Blue Book.

Volkswagen will also offer to fix the cars for free, but any repair that improves the pollution controls will likely hurt the cars' acceleration and fuel economy. Volkswagen marketed the cars as both more fuel efficient and better performing that those with regular gasoline engines.

The settlement still requires a judge's approval before it can go into effect. Owners can choose to decline Volkswagen's offer and sue the company on their own.

The settlement also includes $2.7 billion for environmental mitigation and another $2 billion for research on zero-emissions technology, the person said.

Don Marron, a banker from Allentown, Pennsylvania, who owns a 2012 Jetta SportWagen diesel, said he's glad Volkswagen is offering more compensation than earlier reports had suggested. But Marron wants assurance that if Volkswagen fixes his car but he doesn't like the way it performs, the company will still buy it back. And if he keeps his car and saves Volkswagen money, he wants compensation for doing that.

"At this moment, I don't know anything more than I did a couple of months ago," he said.

The scandal erupted in September when it was learned that the German automaker had fitted many of its cars with software to fool emissions tests and had put dirty vehicles on the road. Investigators determined that the cars emitted more than 40 times the legal limit of nitrogen oxide, which can cause respiratory problems in humans. Car owners and the U.S. Department of Justice sued.

VW is still facing billions more in fines and penalties, a lawsuit by state attorneys general and potential criminal charges.

The $14.7 billion settlement also does not include another roughly 90,000 3-liter Volkswagen diesels, which had another version of cheating software.

VW in April took an $18.2 billion charge to cover the cost of the global scandal, which includes a total of 11 million vehicles worldwide.

Why Brexit endangers global unions that helped West prosper

WASHINGTON (AP)—Britain's decision to bolt the European Union means economic pain for the United Kingdom above all. But it also threatens the economic alliances that helped drive decades of prosperity in the West after World War II.

And it could imperil an already wobbly global economy.

The Brexit vote "is just one chapter in a much bigger global story" in which Europe, the United States and other Western nations cooperate less, endure economic gloom and see their role in the world diminish, Megan Greene, chief economist with Manulife Asset Management, wrote in a research note Monday.

Greene and other analysts warn that the messy aftermath to the Brexit vote may splinter the EU, which has promoted postwar cooperation and the free flow of trade, job opportunities and immigration across Europe.

Already, there have been calls for a referendum on EU membership in France and the Netherlands. Discontent with the EU is also running high in Italy, Sweden and Hungary.

Britain is facing breakup pressures of its own. Voters in Scotland and Northern Ireland, both part of the U.K., overwhelmingly favored staying in the EU. Nationalist leaders in both countries have vowed to leave the kingdom if necessary to stay in the EU. Many voters in Scotland and Northern Ireland valued the economic benefits of EU membership. In Northern Ireland, some also feared that the loss of EU membership would mean the re-establishment of security checkpoints at the border with neighboring Ireland.

The EU and other postwar institutions were meant to promote a European identity that would replace the toxic nationalism that led to war in 1914 and 1939. And through the mid-2000s, they appeared to succeed, said Carmen Reinhart, an economist at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Barriers to trade and immigration inside Europe were torn down. Nineteen countries adopted a common currency, the euro.

Then came the 2008 global financial crisis, which revealed that countries like Greece on the European periphery had borrowed recklessly. Creditor countries, led by Germany, took a harsh stance in dealing with what they saw as profligate neighbors. Old frictions re-emerged.

Days before deadline, Senate to consider Puerto Rico bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew is warning of widespread consequences, from layoffs of police officers to a hospital closure, if the Senate fails to act before Friday on a rescue package for debt-stricken Puerto Rico.

The U.S. territory is in a decade-long recession, and the island owes a $2 billion debt payment to creditors on July 1. The House already passed legislation to create a new control board and restructure some of the U.S. territory's $70 billion debt.

In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Monday, Lew said the crisis in Puerto Rico "will ratchet up to an even higher level" if the Senate doesn't pass the House bill in the next four days. He said that if the island defaults on the July 1 payment, the government may be forced to shut down public transit, close a hospital or send police officers home.

"We know for certain that it is the 3.5 million American citizens who live in Puerto Rico who will be further harmed," Lew said.

McConnell, R-Ky., has said the Senate will consider the House bill this week, but he will need support from both parties to surmount a certain 60-vote threshold to advance legislation. Votes could come as soon as Wednesday.

A look at the legislation and the politics:

WHAT THE BILL WOULD DO

The House bill would create a seven-member control board to oversee the island's financial recovery, similar to a board that oversaw the District of Columbia two decades ago. The board could negotiate with creditors and the courts over reducing some debt, but the bill does not provide any taxpayer funds to reduce that debt.

The legislation is needed because Puerto Rico, like all U.S. states and territories, cannot declare bankruptcy under federal law. Mainland municipalities and their utilities can, while municipalities and utilities in Puerto Rico cannot.

The House is out of session until July 5, so the Senate will have to pass the House bill unchanged for it to head to the president's desk for his signature before the Friday deadline.

WHO SUPPPORTS IT

The legislation enjoys rare bipartisan support from the White House and Republican leaders in Congress. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., helped negotiate the House bill.

"The Puerto Rican people are our fellow Americans. They pay our taxes, they fight in our wars. We cannot allow this to happen," Ryan said on the House floor just before the chamber overwhelmingly passed the bill 297-127 on June 9.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., also supports the bill, despite a provision opposed by Democrats that would allow the Puerto Rican government to temporarily lower the minimum wage for some younger workers.

The governor of Puerto Rico is backing the bill, even though he says the control board would have too much power over the territorial government.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

North American leaders to pledge more reliance on renewables

WASHINGTON (AP)—The leaders of the United States, Canada and Mexico will pledge this week to rely on renewable energy to generate 50 percent of North America's electrical power by 2025, White House officials said Monday. That's a big jump from last year's 37 percent level. But it's doable through greater efficiency and reliance on solar, wind and other clean energy sources, Brian Deese, senior adviser to President Barack Obama, said. "The transformation of the American energy sector that's underway is going to continue," Deese said. "That has been driven by some of the policy choices this president has made, but it's also being driven by market forces that are bringing down the cost of clean energy at rates that even the smartest analysts weren't predicting only a couple of years ago."

Consumer group to release annual list of dangerous toys

BRIGHTON, Mass. (AP)—A consumer watchdog group is set to release its annual list of the most hazardous summer playthings. The Massachusetts-based World Against Toys Causing Harm, or W.A.T.C.H., says toy guns and other toys that can lead to eye injuries are at the top of this year's list. The group is scheduled to present its full 2016 Summer Safety Report on Tuesday at a children's hospital in Brighton, Massachusetts. The group says the report will highlight what it calls warm weather safety traps and recreational products that parents should keep away from children. It says more than 2.5 million children are injured in accidents each summer. The group has released a "worst toys" list for more than 30 years.

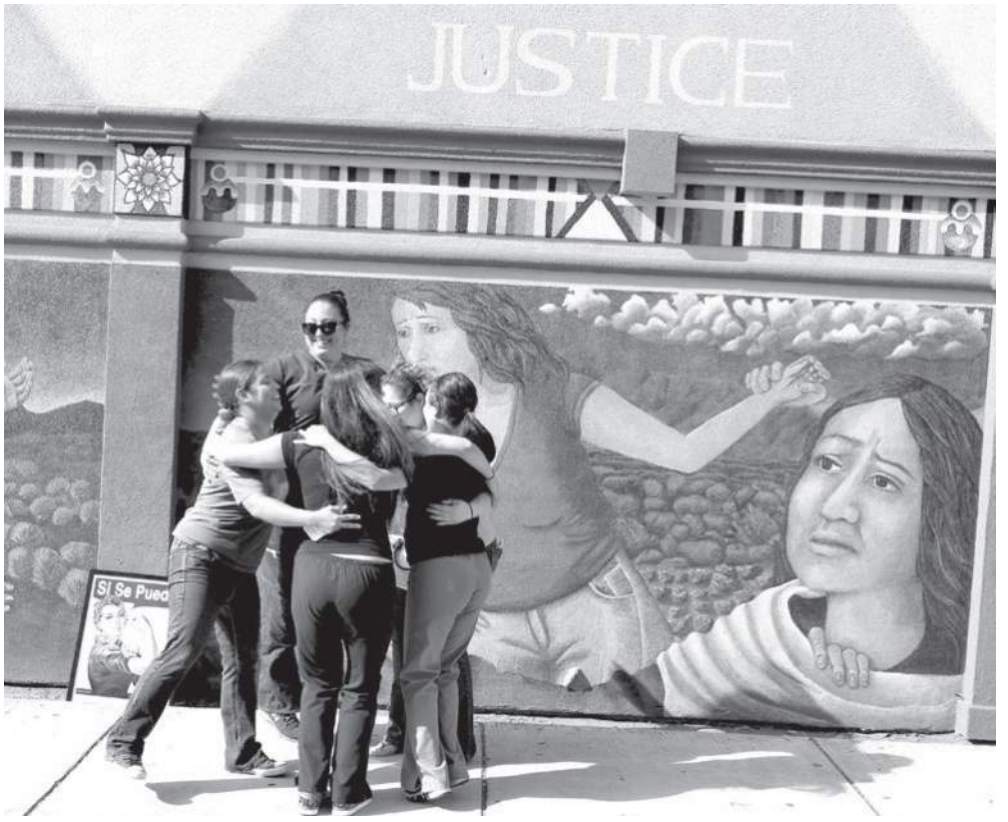
Nation

Abortion ruling may not open door for new Texas clinics

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Abortion providers celebrating the U.S. Supreme Court striking down major Texas abortion restrictions Monday also acknowledged a daunting reality: Women aren't soon likely to see new clinics replace the about 20 abortion facilities lost since 2013.

The restrictions that justices toppled in a 5-3 decision have already forced more than half of Texas' abortion clinics out of business—from 41 facilities before the law was passed to 19. Had the law that former Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis once temporarily blocked with an 11-hour filibuster been found constitutional, only 10 would have remained open in a state of 27 million people.

But while the biggest abortion ruling by the Supreme Court in a generation leaves Planned Parenthood and others in Texas free to open smaller, more modest clinics, providers made no promises about breaking ground on new facilities. And any openings, they cautioned, could take years, meaning that women in rural Texas counties are still likely to face hours-long drives to abortion clinics for the foreseeable future.



AP

Staff members of Whole Woman's Health celebrate in front of a mural on the side of the building after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling against Texas' abortion restrictions Monday June 27, 2016, in McAllen, Texas.

Buildings need to be leased. Staffs need to be hired. Clinics must still obtain state licenses and funds for medical equipment must be raised. Meanwhile, the Republican-controlled Legislature is all but certain to remain hostile to abortion providers that try to expand.

"We really have a daunting task to determine whether and how we can reopen our health centers," said Whole Woman's Health founder Amy Hagstrom Miller, whose chain of abortion clinics in Texas includes the state's only provider on the southern border with Mexico.

Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards also would not immediately commit to the nation's largest abortion provider opening more Texas clinics, but she expressed hope.

"Just to re-establish services in a community and get the licensures is just not something that is going to happen overnight," said Richards, who is the daughter of former Texas Gov. Ann Richards.

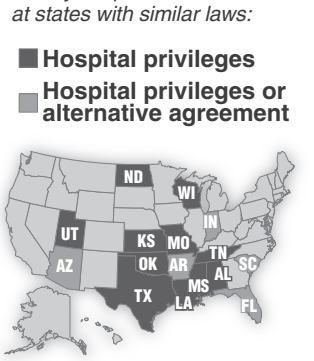
The Texas laws required doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and forced clinics to meet hospital-like standards for outpatient surgery. The bill propelled Davis, at the time a state senator who ran for governor in 2014, to national stardom when her filibuster packed the Texas Capitol with raucous protesters whose shouts deafened the Senate floor as time ran out on the measure.

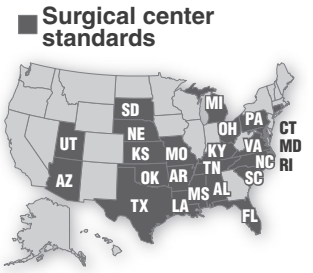
More than 40 abortion clinics in Texas were open at the time, but neither Richards nor abortion rights groups would predict whether Texas would ever reach that number again. Davis said the expectation for now is that areas without a nearby clinic will at least see one reopen within the next six months, and that the goal may not necessarily be getting back above 40 facilities.

"The benchmark is more closely aligned with geographic proximity," Davis said. "If women are able to geographically access that care without tremendous costs or burdensome travel then we'll be back to where we need to be."

Clinic regulations

The Supreme Court overturned two provisions of a Texas law, requiring clinics that perform abortions to be built to the standard of surgical facilities and that those performing the abortion have admission privileges at a nearby hospital. Here's a look at states with similar laws:





Source: Guttmacher Institute
Graphic: Tribune News Service

Recovery underway in West Virginia town 'built to carry on'

RAINELLE, W.Va. (AP)—When the torrential rains stopped in the tiny West Virginia town of Rainelle, the volunteers started showing up.

By Monday, a small food line at a shopping plaza had ballooned from a couple of hundred hot dogs and hamburgers to a feast for flood victims—everything from bananas to cupcakes to nachos—and more hot dogs. Behind the food line, a large room was filled halfway to the ceiling with bags of donated clothing.

As volunteers sorted the items, the extent of last Thursday's deluge came into clearer focus: Thousands of homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed and at least 23 people were killed when up to 9 inches of rain fell in a short span, causing perhaps the worst flooding the state has seen in three decades. More than 400 people were living in shelters across the state.

"We haven't stopped feeding people," volunteer Kelsi Shawver said inside the Park Center shopping plaza. "I don't even know that I'd call it volunteering. I'm just here to help."

Some of the worst destruction was in Rainelle, a town of about 1,500 people surrounded by hills, the Meadow River and several tributaries. Founded by the Rainelle brothers, Thomas and John, and once home to the largest hardwood lumber mill in the world, the town's motto is "A town built to carry on ... building great things since 1906," according to its website .

The recovery and rebuilding has already begun. Along U.S. Route 60, the piles along the road came in two forms—ruined belongings and donated household supplies that needed to be picked up. At the shopping plaza, state troopers assisted with traffic flow and helped carry items to a supply drop-off and distribution center while helicopters buzzed overhead.

Judge: Mississippi law creates inequality for gay marriage

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Mississippi clerks cannot cite their own religious beliefs to recuse themselves from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, under a ruling a federal judge handed down Monday.

The effect of the ruling by U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves is that the state can't enforce part of a religious objections bill that was supposed to become law Friday.

Reeves is extending his previous order that overturned Mississippi's ban on same-sex marriage. He says circuit clerks are required to provide equal treatment for all couples, gay or straight. He also said that all 82 circuit clerks must be given formal notice of that requirement.

Mississippi's religious objections measure, House Bill 1523, was filed in response to last summer's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that legalized gay marriage nationwide. That ruling is called the Obergefell case, after the man who filed it.

"Mississippi's elected officials may disagree with Obergefell, of course, and may express that disagreement as they see fit—by advocating for a constitutional amendment to overturn the decision, for example," Reeves wrote Monday. "But the marriage license issue will not be adjudicated anew after every legislative session."

Attorneys were still waiting on rulings from Reeves in two other lawsuits that seek to block all of the religious objections law, including provisions that could affect schools' bathroom policies for transgender students.

Roberta Kaplan, a New York-based attorney, represents Campaign for Southern Equality in two lawsuits challenging House Bill 1523, including the one on which Reeves ruled Monday. She issued a statement praising his decision.

ACROSS THE NATION

California wildfire 'most destructive' in county history

LAKE ISABELLA, Calif. (AP)—Sallie Keeling had seen enough photos of destruction over four days to know what to expect when she returned Monday to the fire-ravaged neighborhood where she and her husband had lived for 13 years. "There's nothing," she said, covered in soot after digging through the rubble. "Just ashes." Keeling, 71, surveyed the devastated South Lake near Lake Isabella as evacuation orders were lifted in some nearby communities that suffered less damage from the wildfire that killed two people and destroyed 200 homes in the southern Sierra Nevada. The fire grew to more than 70 square miles, but was it 40 percent contained as it burned in steep terrain south of Lake Isabella. Houses could be vulnerable if winds blow the fire back toward some of the communities in the popular recreation area, Fire Chief Brian Marshall said.

Girl, 4, is sole survivor of van-train crash in Colorado

TRINIDAD, Colo. (AP)—A 4-year-old girl was the only member of her family to survive after their minivan was hit by an Amtrak train at a crossing with a history of problems in southern Colorado. The girl was hospitalized with serious injuries after the Southwest Chief train headed from Chicago to Los Angeles slammed into the van as it drove across the tracks Sunday morning near Trinidad, about 15 miles from the New Mexico border. Hospital officials would not release information on her condition on Monday. Trooper Art Gumke of the Colorado State Patrol said the girl's father, 32-year-old Stephen Miller, who was driving the 2005 Chrysler Town & Country, and his wife, Christina Miller, 33, of Trinidad were killed along with their three other daughters, aged 6, 2 and 8 months. He said the minivan was moving at the time of the crash and was not stuck. The Millers were on their way to church at the time

Woman mauled by 2 dogs dies in Connecticut

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Officials say a woman who was attacked by two dogs outside of a Connecticut home last week has died. New Haven officials say Jocelyn Winfrey on Monday succumbed to injuries she suffered in the June 20 attack. Officials say the mauling happened when Winfrey and the dogs' owner, Hamilton Hicks, walked onto his property. Hicks tried to pull the dogs off of her, but he also was bitten. His injuries were considered non-life-threatening. An animal control officer says the dogs were American bulldog mixes. They were taken to a shelter, where they're being quarantined. The city confirms the two dogs were properly registered, vaccinated and never had any prior complaints.

Asia

Duterte ready to clash with Catholic church on birth control

DAVAO, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president-elect said Monday he would aggressively promote artificial birth control in the country even at the risk of getting in a fight with the dominant Catholic church, which staunchly opposes the use of contraceptives.

Rodrigo Duterte, who is to be sworn to the presidency on Thursday, said having many children has driven families deeper into poverty, and he reiterated his recommendation for Filipinos to have three at most.

Known for his profanity-laden speeches, Duterte jokingly threatened to have penises of defiant men chopped off and cited his family planning program as a longtime mayor in southern Davao city, where he has offered cash rewards to villagers who volunteer to undergo free vasectomy or ligation and to doctors who perform the procedures.

"I will reinstall the program of family planning. Three's enough," Duterte said in a speech after a flag-raising ceremony in front of the Davao city hall. "I've also been colliding with the church because it's no longer realistic."

It was not clear if Duterte would replicate the reward system nationwide.

Duterte praised former President Fidel Ramos, who backed his presidential candidacy, for courageously promoting contraceptives as the country's first Protestant leader starting in 1992.

Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, also figured in a high-profile spat with the Catholic church for signing a 2012 reproductive health law that allowed the government to finance the acquisition and distribution of contraceptives after overcoming a legal challenge by opponents.

Many politicians have tried to avoid colliding with influential Catholic bishops in the Philippines in the past by taking a vague position or not aggressively advocating contraceptives use.

Catholic leaders considered the law an attack on the church's core values. Aquino's government said it helped the poor manage their number of children in a country that has one of Asia's fastest-growing populations.

Duterte has had an adversarial relation with the church. During the campaign, Duterte had a tiff with Catholic bishops after cursing Pope Francis due to a monstrous traffic jam during the papal visit in January last year.

Last month, Duterte blasted the local Catholic church as "the most hypocritical institution" and accused some of its bishops of asking for favors from politicians.

AP
In this April 29, 2016 file photo, presidential candidate Rodrigo Duterte answers questions from the media in Manila, Philippines.

South Korea cuts growth outlook, plans stimulus package

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's government lowered growth outlook for Asia's fourth-largest economy and planned a supplementary budget for a second year in a row as the global economy faces heightened uncertainty.

The Finance Ministry said Tuesday that the economy will likely expand 2.8 percent this year, down from its December prediction of 3.1 percent. That would mark a slight improvement from last year but slower growth than 2014.

Jobs would be a primary goal as the government plans a 10 trillion won ($8.5 billion) supplementary budget during the second half of this year. The additional budget, pending parliamentary approval, would be used to support big projects that create jobs. In addition to the supplementary budget, the government would prepare a stimulus package that would total more than 20 trillion won, it said.

Regarding lowering its growth forecast, the government cited a deterioration in global conditions for exports, South Korea's key growth engine. The International Monetary Fund cut in April its outlook for the world economy and trade.

South Korea's government estimated that the direct impact from the result of Britain's vote to leave the European Union is expected to be limited. But there are concerns about negative repercussions from the increased uncertainty in the global economy and financial markets, it said.

"We will beef up our efforts to improve domestic spending in response to Brexit and other worsening conditions overseas," Finance Minister Yoo Il-ho told a briefing.

Global financial markets were rattled by Britain's vote to leave the union. South Korean stocks and currency also fell sharply along with other emerging market stocks and currencies. The main stock index in Seoul recovered this week and the government said it will monitor any fallout from Britain's vote.

During a meeting with economic policymakers earlier Tuesday, South Korea's president said the result of Britain's vote was "unexpected."

"The unrest in the global financial markets can have a negative impact on us at any time through such ways as the outflow of foreign funds. We must respond with alertness," Park Geun-hye said according to a South Korean press pool report.

South Korea also faces other economic headwinds at home. The government expects that companies will sharply lower their capital expenditures as sluggish exports continue. Corporate restructuring at cash-strapped shipbuilding and other industries could hurt job markets and corporate spending, it said.

The government said consumption may be dampened by an anti-corruption law that is set to take effect in the fall. The law to fight corruption bans government employees, school teachers and journalists from taking expensive gifts, which some worry will dent sales of agricultural products and other popular gifts.

US Navy turns to cloud technology to reduce drunken driving

TOKYO (AP)—An American sailor has tapped a cloud-based technology for mobile phones to make it easier to have volunteers take turns driving drunk friends home, an initiative that has curtailed drunken driving among the Navy ranks.

The effort, tested at the Naval Sea Systems Command in Charleston, South Carolina, from February, could also help ease tensions on the southwestern Japanese island of Okinawa, where most of the U.S. troops in Japan are assigned.

Public outrage has flared on Okinawa because of the perception that the large military presence has led to more crime.

In the past month, a civilian worker and a sailor at an Okinawan base were arrested on suspicion of drunken driving after their cars crashed. That followed an arrest of a former U.S. Marine, suspected of raping and killing a woman on Okinawa.

Petty Officer Michael Daigle started his Saferide service, using San Diego-based Voxox's Cloud Phone, which costs just $15 a month.

It has been very successful so far, and Daigle expressed hopes it will be used throughout the Navy, including aircraft carriers that may dock at various ports around the world, as well as overseas bases.

"In the military, DUI tends to be a big issue mostly because it ruins your career and so we end up losing a lot of sailors," he said in a telephone interview Tuesday, using the acronym for "driving under the influence" of alcohol.

Across the military, a person caught drinking and driving can get kicked out, he said.

The technology works like a hotline, allowing intoxicated sailors to call a single number, which has been set up digitally so that the call goes to the various numbers of those sailors on standby, who have volunteered ahead of time to drive.

The volunteers are rewarded by getting better parking spaces. Other perks are being considered such as gift cards for gas, Daigle said. The system allows for up to 10 telephone numbers to work as an extension for that single telephone number.

Saferide is handy for the Navy because sailors aren't allowed to have mobile phones on the job. And so it has been hard for them to call up friends or colleagues to pick them up from bars or other places after a night drinking.

"The Navy has discussed it on a higher level about potentially in the long run considering implementing it Navy-wide, based on its success," said Daigle.

Daigle experimented previously with an outside taxi service, but that proved difficult to monitor, and service members were misusing it for other purposes, such as rides to airports.

The problems in Japan caused the U.S. military on June 6 to ban off-base drinking, but on Tuesday the U.S. Naval Forces Japan lifted the ban, noting "the performance of sailors across Japan has been outstanding."

Cambodia says tests confirm Angkor boat 8 centuries old

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Tests have confirmed that a wooden boat found buried in a dry riverbed near Cambodia's famous Angkor Wat temple complex is from the early 13th century, an official at the agency overseeing the archaeological site said Monday.

Apsara Authority spokesman Long Kosal said tests by a research institute in New Zealand confirmed the age of the 12.8-meter (42-foot) -long boat, which was carved from a single tree trunk. He said it is the oldest boat ever found in Cambodia, and its discovery will be useful for scholars of the Angkor era, when the Khmer empire dominated the region from the 9th to 15th centuries.

A farmer discovered the boat in April while digging mud from the riverbed, several kilometers (miles) from the temple complex. The boat has been sunk in a pond in front of the temple to keep it preserved pending restoration for public viewing.

An Australian archaeologist announced earlier this month that he and colleagues have found evidence of previously undiscovered medieval urban and agricultural networks surrounding the ancient city of Angkor Wat.

Using high-tech lasers to scan the Cambodian jungle, Damian Evans and colleagues said they found traces of extensive networks surrounding the monumental stone temple complex at Angkor Wat. Evans said their findings could further our understanding of Khmer culture and throw into question traditional assumptions about the decline of the empire.

For years, experts have proposed a variety of reasons for the collapse of the Khmer civilization in the 15th century, including invasions by Thai armies, social and religious change, internal power struggles, and overpopulation and prolonged drought which forced populations to relocate to southern Cambodia. But Evans said their laser maps showed no evidence of relocated, dense cities in the south and that it wasn't clear there was any such mass migration.

World

Intolerant acts surge as British referendum result sinks in

LONDON (AP)—An Eastern European family in Rugby finds dog excrement shoved through its mailbox. A Londoner nearly gets into a fight over drunken slurs shouted on a crowded subway car. A Polish teenager in Gloucestershire is taunted with threats of deportation at her high school.

In the wake of last Thursday's vote to leave the European Union, Britain has seen a surge in xenophobia expressed in taunts, threats and worse. For many, foreign- and native-born, the U.K. has suddenly become much scarier place.

"Before Friday we lived in a tolerant society," said Oana Gorcea, a 32-year-old Romanian who has lived in Britain since she was a teenager. "I've been here 13 years, but I've never felt like I had to hide where I came from. But from Friday, things completely changed."

AP

In this photo made available by Diamond Geezer, a man wearing an anti immigration T-shirt walks during Armed Forces Day Parade in Romford, England, Saturday 25 June 2016.

Gorcea, who works for a multinational company in Rugby, about 85 miles (135 kilometers) northwest of London, said her street was being patrolled by "English commandos who walk around and try to intimidate non-white non-English people." The talk of the neighborhood was the dog feces shoved through a local immigrant family's mailbox.

Gorcea's story and others like it have been echoing across social media for days. Eastern Europeans, Muslims—even Americans and Germans—have reported acts of intimidation and harassment. Victims describe an emboldened angry fringe emerging to crow over Thursday's vote; a T-shirt sported by a man at an Armed Forces Day parade in the working class London borough of Havering over the weekend seemed to sum up the new attitude:

"YES! WE WON! NOW SEND THEM BACK."

British reporters across the country have seen the resurgence of racism up close and personal. Adam Boulton, a presenter for Britain's Sky News, posted a message to Twitter saying he and his family had witnessed three separate incidents of when-are-you-going-home?-style abuse aimed at Europeans over the weekend. Channel Four's Ciaran Jenkins said that within a five-minute span in the northern England town of Barnsley, three people had shouted "Send them home!" BBC reporter Sima Kotecha said that she was in "utter shock" after having returned home to the southern England town of Basingstoke and been abused with a racial slur she hadn't heard "since the 80s."

Police are investigating vandalism at a Polish cultural center in west London and incidents in Cambridgeshire in which cards were given to Polish residents calling them "vermin" and ordering them to leave the country. The National Police Chiefs' Council said there had been a 57 percent rise in hate crime complaints in the past four days compared to the same period last month.

Britain's sizeable Muslim community has also found itself caught up in the anti-immigrant backlash. Miqdaad Versi, assistant secretary-general of the Muslim Council of Britain, said that "hundreds of hate crimes" had been reported across the country.

"The type of language that has been used, like 'go back to your own country,' 'we voted this way, now you have to get out,' that type of language indicates there is some sort of link" to the referendum, he said.

Those who championed the campaign to pull Britain from the EU have condemned the attacks.

"I've never, ever, ever encouraged or condoned behavior like that, and I never, ever would," said United Kingdom Independence Party leader Nigel Farage, before adding that "the real prejudice is the prejudice that's been there for a decade or more against anybody that dares stand up against the establishment, anybody that dares to say that we shouldn't be part of the EU."

Other politicians didn't buy it.

Iraqis suffer in desert camps after flight from Fallujah

AMIRIYAH AL-FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP)—Tens of thousands of Iraqis who survived a harrowing flight from Fallujah now find themselves in sprawling desert camps with little food, water or shelter. The growing humanitarian crisis less than an hour's drive from Baghdad has reinforced the region's deep-seated distrust of the government, and could undermine recent gains against the Islamic State group.

As Iraqi forces battled their way into the city and Islamic State militants melted away, Khaled Suliman Ahmed fled in a wheelchair, joining hundreds of others fleeing on foot into the desert. When the wheelchair broke down after 10 kilometers (six miles), his sons and wife took turns carrying him over their shoulders, and when they saw the tents in the distance, they assumed their nightmare was over.

"I thought we were going to be saved from hell and brought to heaven," Ahmed said, "but we were surprised by what we found here."

What they found was a sprawling camp in the desert with little food or water, and nowhere near enough tents to shelter the tens of thousands of civilians who had descended on it. They joined thousands of people living out in the open, where midday temperatures approach 50 degrees Celsius (120 F).

Iraqi forces declared Fallujah "fully liberated" on Sunday. Months of planning went into the military operation to retake the city, which had been held by IS for more than two years and was the group's last stronghold in the vast Anbar province. Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has hailed a recent string of victories against IS in Anbar, and last week proclaimed that Fallujah had "returned to the embrace of the nation."

But the government was ill-prepared to deal with the humanitarian crisis now unfolding less than an hour's drive west of Baghdad, where the U.N. estimates that 85,000 people have fled their homes in the past month. The conditions in the camps are reinforcing perceptions of a government that is hopelessly corrupt and ineffective. That could fuel unrest in the overwhelmingly Sunni province, which has a history of rebellion against the Shiite-led government going back to the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Homes burned, looted in Iraqi city after defeat of militants

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP)—Dozens of homes were looted and burned as Fallujah was liberated from the Islamic State group, and Iraqi government forces Monday accused the retreating militants. Some provincial police, however, blamed the fires on Shiite militias operating with the federal police.

The allegations of sectarian incidents in Fallujah are on a much smaller scale than those that unfolded in another Sunni-majority city, Tikrit, after government-sanctioned Shiite militias helped retake it from the IS group. The Iraqi government had sought to try to prevent similar abuses in the Fallujah campaign.

Iraqi forces declared Sunday they had "fully liberated" Fallujah from the Sunni-led extremist group that took over the city 40 miles (65 kilometers) west of Baghdad more than two years ago. The operation, backed by airstrikes from a U.S.-led coalition, began May 22, and involved a number of different Iraqi security forces: elite special operations troops, federal police, Anbar provincial police, and an umbrella group of government-approved mostly Shiite militias.

Thick clouds of black smoke billowed over the Julan neighborhood in northwestern Fallujah, one of the last strongholds of the militants, from dozens of burning homes.

Special forces Lt. Gen. Abdul Wahab al-Saadi who led the operation to retake the city, said IS militants had torched hundreds of houses in Fallujah's north and west as they fled Sunday, just as the fighters did in many other neighborhoods in the last five weeks.

But some commanders said many of the fires burning Monday were lit by Shiite militiamen operating with the federal police.

Cpl. Arsan Majid, an Anbar provincial policeman, said he saw men in federal police uniforms looting and burning dozens of homes. An Iraqi special forces soldier, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters, confirmed Majid's account.

The Shiite militias largely had remained on Fallujah's outskirts during the operation while the special forces and federal police took the lead in clearing the center of the city. Fearing sectarian conflict, authorities did not want the militias inside the city that has long been a stronghold of Sunni opposition to the Shiite-led government in Baghdad.

Palestinians say Israel caused their summer water shortage

SALEM, West Bank (AP)—As Palestinians in the West Bank fast from dawn to dusk in scorching heat during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, tens of thousands of people have been affected by a drought that has greatly reduced the flow to their taps.

Israel admits it's been forced to cut water supplies to the parched area, saying that nearby Jewish settlements have also been affected. But Palestinian areas appear to have been hit much harder, and both sides are blaming each other for the painful situation.

The water shortage has harmed farmers, forced people to bathe less and created a booming business for tanker trucks that travel from house to house delivering water.

Israel blames it on the unusually early summer heat and the Palestinians' refusal to cooperate with Israel on renovating their leaky pipe system. Palestinians say the shortage is evidence of the uneven distribution of the water that runs beneath their feet in an underground aquifer—a distribution that was enshrined in an outdated peace agreement.

Ironically, the shortages come as Israel has made great strides toward water independence through a fast-growing desalinization program. Today, desalinated water provides about 30 percent of Israel's water and has reduced the semi-arid country's dependency on meek rivers and sparse rainfall.

But the Palestinian villages in the West Bank and some isolated Israeli settlements are not connected to the national water grid, relying instead on local underground supplies.

Israeli environmental advocate Gidon Bromberg says the water shortage is "outrageous."

"The fact there is excess water in Israel means for very first time, the natural water can be shared at low cost to Israel and high gain to Palestinians and Israelis together," said Bromberg, the director of EcoPeace Middle East, a group that promotes region-wide environmental cooperation.

In Salem, a village of 7,000 people in the northern West Bank, for a month now, Israel has slowed the water flow by two-thirds, said local water engineer Wahed Hamdan. What remains is further reduced by the village's leaky pipe system, which was installed back in 1982, he said.

Focus

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In this image taken from the Parliamentary Recording Unit Britain's Prime Minister, David Cameron, addresses the House of Commons in London, Monday June 27, 2016, regarding the result of the referendum vote on leaving the EU which took place Thursday.

UK credit rating slashed, Cameron insists economy is robust

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister David Cameron insisted Monday that Britain's shock vote to leave the European Union won't send the economy into a tailspin, even as the country was stripped of its top credit rating and stock markets and the pound continued a downward spiral.

Calling the vote a "seminal event" that "will lead to a less predictable, stable and effective policy framework in the U.K," Standard & Poor's knocked the U.K.'s sovereign rating by two notches, from AAA to AA. Hours later, Fitch Ratings followed suit, downgrading the country to AA, from AA+.

Both agencies said they were keeping a negative outlook on their ratings, which means they could downgrade the country further. Standard and Poor's cited risks to the economy and public finances, the pound's role as an international reserve currency and "risks to the constitutional and economic integrity of the U.K." as Scotland's strong vote to remain in the EU could raise the prospect of another referendum on Scottish independence.

Speaking earlier in the day as the House of Commons met for the first time since last week's referendum, Cameron insisted the British economy was robust and could withstand the shockwaves.

"It is clear that markets are volatile, there are some companies considering their investments and we know this is going to be far from plain sailing," Cameron told lawmakers. "However, we should take confidence from the fact that Britain is ready to confront what the future holds for us from a position of strength."

Despite the uncertainty fueling financial instability, leaders in both Britain and the EU signaled there would be no immediate start to negotiations on an EU exit.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel met with her French and Italian counterparts and said "we agree there will be no formal or informal talks" until the British government officially declares its intention to quit by invoking Article 50 of the EU treaty.

The statement appeared to scotch hopes by Conservative lawmaker Boris Johnson and his Vote Leave campaign to hold preliminary talks on the general outlines of a deal before Article 50 triggers a two-year countdown to a British exit.

Earlier, Merkel said she understood that Britain may need "a certain amount of time to analyze things," but said a "long-term suspension" of the question wouldn't be in either side's economic interest.

Cameron announced last week he would resign by the fall after failing to persuade a majority of voters to back continued EU membership, saying his successor should be the one to navigate Britain's departure from the EU.

Cameron said he spoke Monday with Merkel and French President Francois Hollande, and made plain this was not the time to start the process.

"We have discussed the need to prepare for the negotiations and in particular the fact that the British government will not be triggering Article 50 at this stage," he said.

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, in Brussels and London to address fallout from the vote, said the U.S. has "immense confidence in ... the leadership on both sides of the channel" to negotiate a deal—and urged the EU not to treat Britain in a "revengeful" manner.

Amid signs the uncertainty was hitting business confidence, a leading business group said 20 percent of its members planned to move some of their operations out of the U.K. The Institute of Directors said a survey of its 1,000 members showed three out of four believe Britain's exit from the EU will be bad for business. About a quarter said they would freeze hiring and 5 percent said they would cut jobs.

"Ultimately we think that our members are very resilient, we think that British business is tough and will adapt, but certainly at the moment there is a lot of nervousness," said Edwin Morgan, the head of media relations.

The pound hit a new 31-year low Monday, dropping another 3.5 percent to $1.3199, while stock markets declined across Europe. Bank shares were particularly hard hit. Shares in Royal Bank of Scotland, once the world's largest bank and now mostly state-owned after a taxpayer bailout in 2008, closed 15 percent lower after dropping by as much as 25 percent.

Treasury chief George Osborne pledged not to impose a new austerity budget—even though he warned earlier that would be necessary if the "leave" side prevailed—saying the next budget would be the task of Cameron's successor.

Osborne said he was working closely with Bank of England Governor Mark Carney, fellow finance ministers and international organizations, and "we are prepared for whatever happens."

Meanwhile, Cameron chaired an emergency Cabinet meeting Monday and announced the formation of a special civil service committee to oversee talks on what is popularly called Brexit.

"Leave" campaigners haven't set out what relationship Britain should have with the bloc: whether to try to remain in the EU's single market in return for accepting its rules, or a looser arrangement that could see trade tariffs imposed on Britain.

The financial markets' jitters are due in part to this uncertainty.

Cameron said there was "a very strong case" for trying to remain in the single market—"but that's going to be a decision for the new government and for the Parliament."

The referendum has left Britain deeply divided, and some among the 48 percent of voters who wanted to stay in the EU were pushing for a second referendum.

Cameron said that won't happen.

The vote was "not the outcome that I believe is best for the country I love," he said, but it has to be respected.

"We have to accept the result, we have to get on and deliver it and as we do so, we have to seek the best possible deal," he said.

Authorities reported an increase in cases of racial and xenophobic abuse after an emotionally charged campaign focused heavily on immigration. Police were investigating incidents including racist graffiti on a Polish community center in London and leaflets attacking "Polish vermin" distributed in eastern England.

Meanwhile, opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn faced upheaval within his Labour Party after more than 20 advisers quit his inner circle, calling on him to resign.

Corbyn insisted he would not step down, maintaining he still retains grassroots party support.

Many Labour lawmakers accuse Corbyn of running a lukewarm campaign in support of remaining in the EU. They also fear the left-winger cannot win a general election, which could come in the fall if Cameron's successor calls an early election to solidify a mandate before negotiating Britain's EU exit.

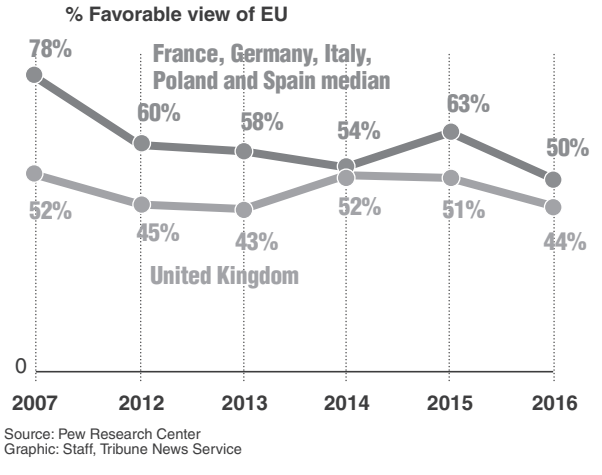
The vote was also causing a political schism, with Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon saying she would consider whether to advise the Scottish Parliament to use its power to try to prevent Britain from leaving the EU by withholding "legislative consent."

Some 62 percent of Scots voted to remain in the bloc, and Scottish National Party lawmaker Angus Robertson told the House of Commons that Scots did not want to stay in "a diminished little Britain."

"We have no intention whatsoever of seeing Scotland taken out of Europe," he said. "We are a European country and we will stay a European country."

British more negative on EU

The European Union has never been as popular in the United Kingdom as it has been among other EU members.



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Good Housekeeping

DIGGIN' IN:

Gardening with children produces lifelong passion and lifetime memories

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Summers were spent with my grandmother in a rural area near Lynchburg, Va.

Her grape arbor, chicken coop and vegetable garden were my playground. Decades later, I still fondly remember those gardening summers.

Now, I hope to pass on that same love of gardening to my two grandkids in Virginia Beach, Va. Granddaughter Mattie Wells, age 4, and I recently created a fairy garden, a project her imagination greatly enjoyed. A fairy garden can be made in a child-friendly container, using moss from the woods, miniatures from a garden center or dollar store and fuss-free plants like sedums.

This summer, take the time and opportunity to garden with your children or grandchildren. You will nurture a lifelong passion and lifetime memories.

Here are some gardening-related projects to do with your children or grandchildren during summer vacation.

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Mattie Wells of Virginia Beach, Va., works on her fairy garden, complete with a mini toadstool house, bridge, birdbath, pebbles and gems.

BUTTERFLY BELL

Courtesy McDonald Garden Center in Hampton, Va.; www.mcdonaldgardencenter.com

Materials

- 1 six-inch terra cotta pot
- 1 four-inch pot parsley
- String for hanging parsley
- Thin rope for hanging bell.
- Acrylic paints in a variety of colors
- Small brushes in assorted sizes

Directions

Paint and decorate the pot that will be used for the top of the butterfly bell.

While the pot dries, chat about the lifecycle of butterflies and what host and nectar plants they need in your yard. Host plants for caterpillars that turn into butterflies include butterfly weed, milkweed, dill, parsley, violets, hibiscus and hollyhock. Nectar plants for the sugar liquid produced in flowers include bee balm, black-eyed Susan, butterfly bush, coneflower, coreopsis, cosmos, gaillardia, Joe-pye weed, lantana and mums.

Use string to create a three-sided hanger for the pot of parsley and attach it to the underside bottom of the bell.

Use thin rope to create a hanger, knotting it and threading it through the pot's bottom hole.

Butterfly bell. TNS

Hang your butterfly bell in the garden where it will offer a place for a caterpillar to crawl and weave a cocoon that will soon produce a beautiful butterfly.

PIZZA GARDEN

Courtesy Norfolk Botanical Garden in Norfolk, Va.; www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org.

Materials

- Several tomato (small cherry tomatoes good for kids) and green bell pepper plants
- 1 plant each parsley, basil, oregano and onions
- 10-12 yellow marigolds

Directions

- Prepare a circle six feet in diameter.
- Divide the circle into wedges shaped like pizza slices.
- Put mulched paths between slices so children can walk into the garden.
- Plant tomatoes, peppers and herbs in the "slices."
- Plant yellow marigolds around the garden's outer edge — they represent cheese on a pizza and also attract pollinating bees to the vegetable and herb plants.
- When harvest time arrives, make a pizza crust and use veggies from the garden as toppings.

GROWING MR. MCGREGOR'S GARDEN

Preschool-age project courtesy Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, Va; www.lewisginter.org

The classic children's book, "A Tale of Peter Rabbit" by Beatrix Potter introduces young children to gardening. Toddlers can pretend to be Peter Rabbit snatching fresh veggies from the garden or take on the role of Mr. McGregor, protecting the garden from pesky critters!

In your garden:

- After reading about Peter's adventures in Mr. McGregor's garden, plant your own plot of radishes in a sunny spot, which will germinate within five days. The instant gratification is rewarding for young gardeners and the tender young leaves can be pinched off and tasted as soon as they sprout! Wait patiently for the red roots to develop, which are a crispy and zesty addition to a fresh green salad. Purchase child-safe knives to allow your preschooler a full garden to table experience — the more involved they are in the process, the more likely they are to eat them!
- After eating too many veggies, Peter searched for parsley in the garden to calm his upset stomach. Plant one patch of parsley for you and make sure to plant a second patch for swallowtail butterflies, which are important native pollinators. Young children will have fun observing the caterpillars as they munch through the leaves, usually leaving only the stem behind!
- Mr. McGregor welcomed beneficial bugs in his garden, but made a scarecrow from Peter's lost clothes to keep those pesky rabbits out! Protect your own vegetable patch by building a scarecrow from outgrown clothes. Stuff your scarecrow with straw or even newspaper and secure the ends with rubber bands or zip ties – don't forget a garden hat to protect your scarecrow from the hot sun!

GARDENING AND KIDS

- From toddlers to teens, kids crave independence. Gardening is a perfect outlet for that independence — what greater responsibility is there than caring for another living thing?
- As children spend time in the garden they grow strong roots, just like the plants. They stretch their physical limits, connect with their place in the world, and tune into the cycles and seasons of nature.
- With so many variables involved, a garden grows critical thinkers, which is one of the most essential life skills children need to be successful.
- Instead of completing boring worksheets over the summer to keep academic skills sharp, just garden! Children unknowingly use lots of math, science, and literacy skills while planning, planting, and tending to the plants. In order to decide what to grow where, they need to observe sun and shade, read seed packets, measure distances and depths, determine appropriate amounts of fertilizer or compost, observe plant growth, track the weather, and water as needed.

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SOURCE

Kristin Thoroman, early childhood program developer at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, Va., — www.lewisginter.org. You can also find more ideas for gardening — and garden grants — with children through the National Garden Bureau at www.KidsGardening.org.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING ONE

Grilled Chicken Breasts, Three Ways

This simple recipe for grilled chicken breasts on the bone with crispy skin and juicy meat takes on a new dimension when one of our flavorful mixtures is rubbed under the skin -- Sun-Dried Tomato & Basil, Garlic-Herb or Sage-Butter.

- Choice of Seasoning Mixture (see below)
- 2 whole bone-in chicken breasts, split (about 2 1/2 pounds)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

1. Prepare one of the Seasoning Mixtures (see below).

2. With fingertips, separate skin from meat on each breast half. Rub equal amounts of Seasoning Mixture under skin of each breast. Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper.

3. Place chicken on grill over medium heat, and cook about 25 minutes or until juices run clear when thickest part of breast is pierced with tip of knife, turning over once. Serves 4.

Sun-Dried Tomato & Basil Seasoning

In small bowl, mix 2 sun-dried tomatoes packed in seasoned olive oil, minced, and 1/4 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves, finely chopped.

* Each serving: About 305 calories, 46g protein, 0g carbohydrate, 12g total fat (3g saturated), 0g fiber, 129mg cholesterol, 405mg sodium.

Garlic-Herb Seasoning

In small bowl, mix 2 garlic cloves, crushed with garlic press, 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary, 1 tablespoon olive oil and 1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon peel.

* Each serving: About 335 calories, 46g protein, 1g carbohydrate, 15g total fat (4g saturated), 0g fiber, 129mg cholesterol, 400mg sodium.

Sage-Butter Seasoning

In small bowl, mix 1 tablespoon margarine or butter, softened, and 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage leaves.

* Each serving: About 330 calories, 46g protein, 0g carbohydrate, 15g total fat (4g saturated), 0g fiber, 129mg cholesterol, 435mg sodium.

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Life & Style

Laniyos first to avail of GreenStay housing

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Vincente and Hermina Laniyo became the first from the CNMI who availed of a house from GreenStay with the former signing the contract last Saturday, which also marked the opening of the company's new sales office right across Shell Middle Road in Gualo Rai.

The Laniyos' house in Kagman I were among those that were destroyed during Typhoon Soudelor's onslaught last year, forcing them to stay in the homes of their relatives. Last week, GreenStay's team demolished what remains of their house so they could begin construction.

"We went through many obstacles but now we're here. We are thankful for GreenStay as they will build our new house," said Vincente, who was accompanied by his wife Hermina in the contract signing.

Construction of their new house is set to begin later this week or early July, according to Skywalker Holdings Co. sales account manager Cyril Song. Skywalker Holdings tapped designer Yu Jiao in conceptualizing the house that uses container vans, reinforced steel, and other prefabricated materials.

The GreenStay construction team is hoping to finish the Laniyos' new fully furnished house before Aug. 2, the first year anniversary of Typhoon Soudelor.

Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) thanked Skywalker Holdings for the GreenStay project and in doing their share in helping families whose homes where destroyed by Soudelor. "It's really disheartening to see these families living in tents or in shelters after the typhoon."

"We have to start somewhere and hopefully this would also be a solution to our housing problem," said Guerrero, who added that maintaining a comfortable home in the CNMI was always been a challenge.

"Either you pay overpriced materials or go off-island to buy it your self. Then you need to have it shipped here. It is very challenging and a costly project."

Song said GreenStay houses were approved and passed the standard tests made by the Department of Public Works' Building Safety Code Division. "GreenStay offers you a home that uses energy efficient materials. A lot of people lost all of their things during Typhoon Soudelor."

"GreenStay homes are budget friendly and sturdy. These are long-term livable homes that can withstand typhoons and earthquakes," added Song.

Skywalker Communications Group managing director Dr. Hu Bo said that they are excited with the formal opening of the GreenStay office. "The past few months had been difficult for some and also posed a lot of challenge."

"We're hoping we could help a lot of people who lost their homes avail of a housing project that is the best offer to the island," added Bo.

Pacific Insurance Underwriters executive vice president and general manager Shirley Sablan said they are just assisting Skywalker Holdings when it comes to home insurance. "We are working with the project since majority will be needing mortgages."

"Dr. Bo came to us and presented the project. It was a totally new concept for the CNMI and we supported the investment," she added.

JON B. PEREZ

Skywalker Communications managing director Dr. Hu Bo, standing right, and Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero present a photo of the GreenStay housing unit to homeowner Vincente Laniyo while his wife Hermina looks on.

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Homeowner Hermina Laniyo, left, joins Skywalker Communications Group managing director Dr. Hu Bo, second left, Pacific Insurance Underwriters executive vice president and general manager Shirley Sablan, second right, and Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of GreenStay's sales office in Gualo Rai.

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Joaquina Nekaifes Kaniki

January 07, 1939 - June 23, 2016

In her new Life, she now joins her:

Husband: †Juan K. Kaniki
Father: †Jose Nekaifes
Mother: †Agnes L. Nekaifes
Father-In-Law: †Manuel K. Kaniki
Mother-In-Law: †Trinidad K. Kaniki

Her memory will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children and Grandchildren:

Gilbert Manuel N. Kaniki & Ana
-Kilanny, BJ, Zunia/Kathlene
[Gilbert Manuel II, Gabriel, Geon], Jason, Jamal
Agnes Maranan
-Bryan, Ursela, Ianjohn
Nora K. Tagabuel & Joseph
-Ariel, Aaron, Irwin
James N. Kaniki & Arlenne
-Jaylenne, Kimo, Lorenna
Juan N. Kaniki & Remedio
-Leocardio, Juan III, Seraya, Nolasko
Laurano N. Kaniki & Alvina

Reared Children:
Celia Lisua
Balbina Lisua Sablan

She will also be missed by numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives and friends.

Mass of Intention for the repose of her soul is being celebrated at Kristo Rai Church every morning at 6:00.

Funeral Services will be on Friday, July 01, 2016. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by the Holy Rosary and public viewing at Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel. Her remains will be escorted to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral at 10:30am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am, followed by Interment Services at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers.

Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

The Family

Suge Knight sues Chris Brown over club shooting

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Former rap music mogul Marion "Suge" Knight sued Chris Brown and the owners of a popular nightclub on Monday after he was shot seven times at a 2014 party hosted by the R&B singer.

The lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court accuses Brown and the West Hollywood nightclub 1 Oak of failing to have adequate security and allowing at least one armed person into the venue during the party.

Knight survived gunshot wounds to the abdomen, chest and left forearm. The Death Row Records co-founder has cited complications from those injuries, including a blood clot, in court appearances on an unrelated murder charge.

His attorneys say Knight's fear months after the shooting led him to flee when he was attacked in his car, running down two men and killing one. Knight, who is a two-time convicted felon, is in jail awaiting trial.

The lawsuit does not state how much money Knight is seeking, but it asks for a judgment ordering the defendants to pay past and future medical expenses for his injuries.

An email sent to Brown's attorney, Mark Geragos, was not immediately returned Monday. 1 Oak's owners declined comment. The club also has venues in New York, Las Vegas and Mexico City.

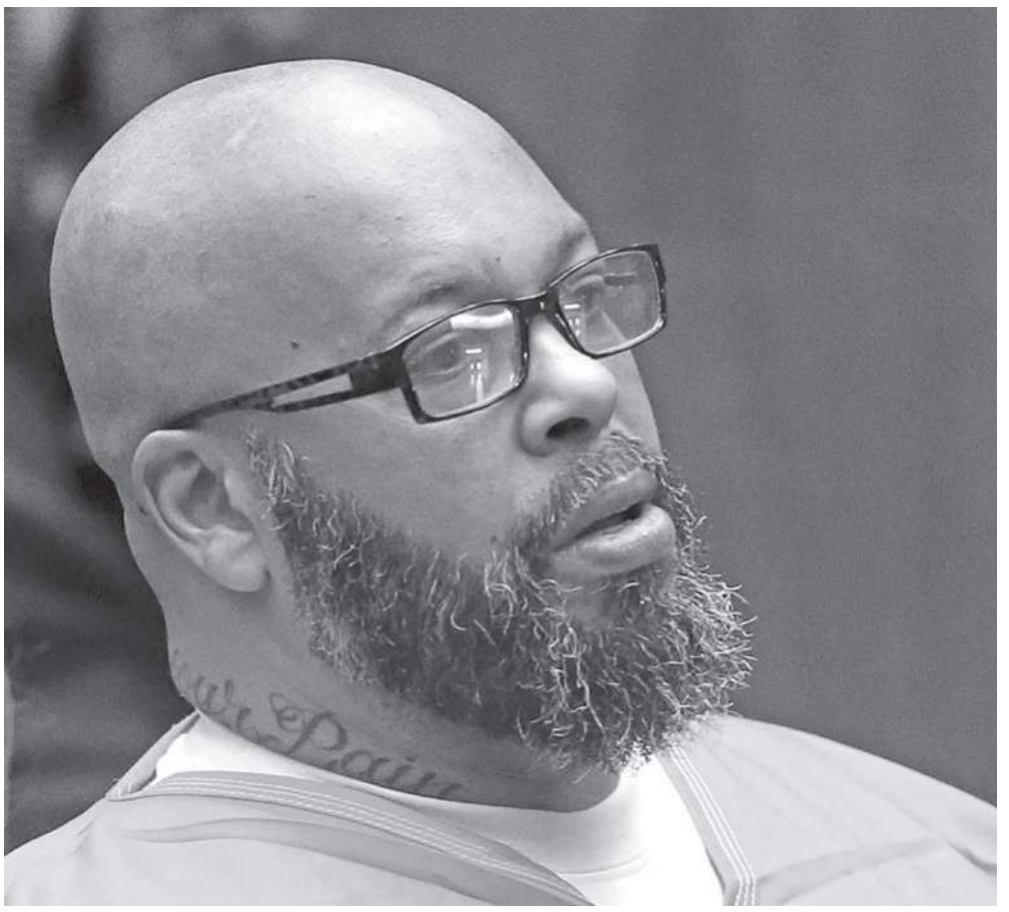
The lawsuit contends 1 Oak should have taken special security precautions because events hosted by Brown have a history of violence. It accuses Brown of gang ties and a "well-documented track record of hosting events and/or parties in which violence frequently erupted."

Brown has completed probation in a 2009 felony assault case in which he attacked singer Rihanna, his then-girlfriend. He has not been implicated in the August 2014 shooting, and no arrests have been made.

"As a result of the negligence of the defendants, one or more unknown individuals were allowed access to the event with weapons, including firearms," the lawsuit says. "As a foreseeable result, gunshots were fired by those admitted into the event and (Knight) was shot and seriously injured."

Singer Pia Mia, who co-hosted the party, is also named as a defendant. An email sent to her publicist was not immediately returned.

Knight also was shot and wounded at a 2005 party hosted by Kanye West in Miami Beach. He sued the rapper, blaming him for lax security, but a judge ruled in West's favor after concluding there was no evidence a shooting was foreseeable.



AP

In a Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015 file photo, former rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight appears in court for his arraignment on robbery charges, in Los Angeles.

Knight has a string of legal problems dating back more than 20 years and was charged in two separate cases soon after the 2014 shooting.

The 51-year-old and co-median Katt Williams were accused of stealing a celebrity photographer's camera in Beverly Hills within days of the shooting. Both men have pleaded not guilty to robbery charges.

Months later, Knight was charged with running over two men with his pickup truck outside a Compton burger stand, killing one and seriously injuring the other. Knight's attorneys have said he was fleeing armed attackers in the January 2015 collision.

They say Knight was acting in self-defense when he struck Cle "Bone" Sloan, who was punching Knight through the window of his pickup truck, and also hit Terry Carter, who died from his injuries.

Attorneys J. Tooson and Jeremy Lessem linked Knight's injuries from the nightclub shooting to the Compton incident, saying he was afraid for his life and still recovering.

"Mr. Knight was still extremely frail from his gunshot injuries less than five months earlier," Tooson wrote in a statement. "When the facts are finally revealed in this case, we're certain it will be apparent that our client was simply trying to flee for his life."

Knight was a key player in the gangster rap scene that flourished in the 1990s and has been kept under tight security since he turned himself in to authorities after the deadly collision.

His Death Row Records label once listed Dr. Dre, Tupac Shakur and Snoop Dogg among its artists. Knight lost control of the company after it was forced into bankruptcy.

Knight pleaded no contest in 1995 and was sentenced to five years' probation for assaulting two rappers in 1992. He was sentenced to prison in 1997 for violating his probation by taking part in a fight at a Las Vegas hotel hours before Shakur was fatally wounded in a drive-by attack as he rode in Knight's car.

Ex-US soccer star Donovan getting comfortable on TV

By RACHEL COHEN
AP SPORTS WRITER

Landon Donovan keeps thinking back to a lesson from the teacher in his high school speech class: "Speaking is 10 percent what you actually say, and 90 percent how you're presenting it."

The former U.S. soccer star dabbled in TV commentary the last couple of years, and he concedes there were times "I didn't think I was any good at it." But with Donovan's recent switch from the studio to the booth, the executive producer of Fox's 2018 World Cup coverage is gushing about his future in the business.

The 34-year-old Donovan, who called two U.S. knockout stage games during the Copa America, is getting his bearings with the presentation part. Not that it came easily.

"I realized quickly I'm not a naturally energetic, outgoing, outspoken kind of person," he told The Associated Press in a phone interview Monday. "I have pretty strong opinions based on my experiences and think I have good input on what's going on and a pretty good grasp of what the players are going through.

"But I realized if don't communicate it in a somewhat entertaining way, people are not going to listen."

While other athletes-turned-analysts can lure in the audience by chatting as they would in casual conversation, Donovan has found he needs to feel as if he's "going overboard" to come across effectively on air.

"It's almost acting," he said. "It's almost like I have to fake it."

Before he called a Mexico exhibition for Fox Sports last month, Donovan's only experience in the booth had been a practice game that he felt didn't go well. But he enjoyed working the Mexico friendly and received positive feedback.

Still, it was a big promotion to analyze the United States' Copa America quarterfinal against Ecuador. It was also a bit of an awkward situation. U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann cut Donovan before the 2014 World Cup, a choice the Americans' all-time leading scorer had vociferously and repeatedly derided.

Donovan knew he needed to move on from that anguish, so he asked to sit down with Klinsmann in the lead-up to the match. Their long talk was "cathartic," Donovan said, and also illuminating about how Klinsmann views his team and why he makes certain decisions.

The conversation also provided a valuable lesson for Donovan as an analyst. He figured he already knew plenty about the U.S. squad to call the game. By the time the 2-1 win over Ecuador was over, Donovan realized, "Oh, my God, what would I have done if I'd not had that meeting?"

AP

In this Dec. 7, 2014, file photo, Los Angeles Galaxy's Landon Donovan chases the ball during the second half of the MLS Cup championship soccer match against the New England Revolution in Carson, Calif.

David Neal, Fox's executive producer for the World Cup, said Donovan has embraced the depth of research an analyst needs to prepare.

"His work ethic is reflective of the best people in business," Neal said.

Neal mentioned Donovan among the current Fox commentators who are in the mix for the network's top teams during the next World Cup. Since the experiment of using Gus Johnson as the lead soccer announcer ended, Fox hasn't determined who will fill that role in Russia in 2018.

Donovan said he's interested in sticking with his announcing career but is also OK if it doesn't work out. He did some studio work for ESPN during the 2014 World Cup after he was cut and also had made appearances on Fox's shows before Copa America.

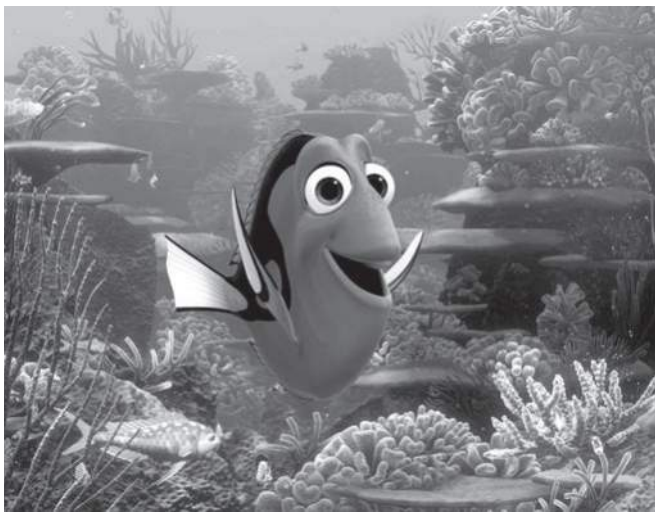
He said he and Neal agreed game commentary made for a better fit. It affords more time to explain strategy or tell a story than the 10- to 15-second snippets of the studio that still present a challenge for someone known for his introspective interviews as a player.

Box office top 20: 'Finding Dory' swamps 'Independence Day'

NEW YORK (AP)—"Finding Dory" topped the weekend North American box office for the second straight week, drowning the underperforming "Independence Day: Resurgence."

According to final studio figures Monday, "Finding Dory" took in nearly $73 million over the weekend, bringing its two-week domestic haul to $286.3 million. That easily outdid the debut of "Resurgence." The Will Smith-less sequel to the 1996 blockbuster opened poorly with $41 million.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by comScore:



AP

This image released by Disney shows the character Dory, voiced by Ellen DeGeneres, in a scene from "Finding Dory."

1 **"Finding Dory,"** Disney, $72,959,954, 4,305 locations, $16,948 average, $286,277,856, 2 weeks.

2 **"Independence Day: Resurgence,"** 20th Century Fox, $41,039,944, 4,068 locations, $10,088 average, $41,039,944, 1 week.

3 **"Central Intelligence,"** Warner Bros., $18,241,416, 3,508 locations, $5,200 average, $69,173,874, 2 weeks.

4 **"The Shallows,"** Sony, $16,800,868, 2,962 locations, $5,672 average, $16,800,868, 1 week.

5 **"The Conjuring 2,"** Warner Bros., $7,702,194, 3,033 locations, $2,539 average, $86,903,628, 3 weeks.

6 **"Free State Of Jones,"** STX Entertainment, $7,572,206, 2,815 locations, $2,690 average, $7,572,206, 1 week.

7 **"Now You See Me 2,"** Lionsgate, $5,593,399, 2,745 locations, $2,038 average, $51,997,613, 3 weeks.

8 **"X-Men: Apocalypse,"** 20th Century Fox, $2,489,881, 1,679 locations, $1,483 average, $151,141,872, 5 weeks.

9 **"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows,"** Paramount, $2,464,351, 1,947 locations, $1,266 average, $77,181,906, 4 weeks.

10 **"Warcraft,"** Universal, $2,247,420, 1,952 locations, $1,151 average, $44,003,890, 3 weeks.

11 **"Me Before You,"** Warner Bros., $1,937,092, 1,538 locations, $1,259 average, $51,239,843, 4 weeks.

12 **"Alice Through the Looking Glass,"** Disney, $1,852,805, 495 locations, $3,743 average, $74,279,668, 5 weeks.

13 **"Captain America: Civil War,"** Disney, $1,368,558, 753 locations, $1,817 average, $403,857,288, 8 weeks.

14 **"The Jungle Book,"** Disney, $1,257,732, 478 locations, $2,631 average, $358,041,523, 11 week.

15 **"Neon Demon,"** Broad Green Pictures, $589,014, 783 locations, $752 average, $589,014, 1 week.

16 **"Love & Friendship,"** Roadside Attractions, $468,809, 281 locations, $1,668 average, $11,864,703, 7 weeks.

17 **"The Angry Birds Movie,"** Sony, $454,961, 443 locations, $1,027 average, $104,934,754, 6 weeks.

18 **"The Lobster,"** A24, $403,662, 210 locations, $1,922 average, $7,381,526, 7 weeks.

19 **"The Nice Guys,"** Warner Bros., $400,341, 291 locations, $1,376 average, $34,986,172, 6 weeks.

20 **"Maggie's Plan,"** Sony Pictures Classics, $273,940, 203 locations, $1,349 average, $2,257,796, 6 weeks.

Judge approves settlement in 'Happy Birthday' copyright case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge has approved a settlement that will put "Happy Birthday to You" in the public domain.

U.S. District Judge George King approved the agreement Monday. It ends the ownership claims of Warner/Chappell Music, the music publishing company that has been collecting royalties on the song for years.

The company has agreed to pay back $14 million to those who have paid licensing fees to use the song.

Last year, King ruled that the company didn't own the lyrics to the ditty, one of the best-known and most beloved songs in the world. He said the company has no right to charge for the song's use.

Warner/Chappell has said it didn't try to collect royalties from just anyone singing the song but those who use it in a commercial enterprise.

Justin Timberlake apologizes for tweet after backlash

NEW YORK (AP)—Justin Timberlake, who praised actor-activist Jesse Williams' moving speech at the BET Awards, has apologized for responding to a tweet claiming he appropriates black culture.

Timberlake tweeted Sunday that he was inspired after Williams spoke passionately about racism and social injustice. A responder tweeted to Timberlake: "Does this mean you're going to stop appropriating our music and culture?"

Timberlake responded: "The more you realize that we are the same, the more we can have a conversation."

The pop singer said he felt "misunderstood" after some said his response was insensitive. Timberlake ended with: "I apologize to anyone that felt I was out of turn. I have nothing but LOVE FOR YOU AND ALL OF US."

Williams received the humanitarian award at the BET Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday night.

AP

In a Wednesday, May 11, 2016 file photo, actor Justin Timberlake arrives on the red carpet for the screening of the film Cafe Society and the Opening Ceremony at the 69th international film festival, Cannes, southern France.

Jimmy Buffett musical unveils creative team and new name

NEW YORK (AP)—The Jimmy Buffett musical making its world premiere next year in California has a new name and a Tony Award-winning creative support team.

The musical, now titled "Escape to Margaritaville," will feature choreography by Kelly Devine ("Rocky"), scenic design by Walt Spangler ("Tuck Everlasting"), costumes by Paul Tazewell ("Hamilton"), lighting by Howell Binkley ("Hamilton") and sound design by Brian Ronan ("If/Then.")

The show, combining Buffett's tunes with an original story by writers Greg Garcia and Mike O'Malley, will start grooving onstage in May 2017 at La Jolla Playhouse. Playhouse artistic director Christopher Ashley will direct.

Buffett has written such beach-bum classics as "A Pirate Looks at Forty," ''Margaritaville," ''Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise."

Unaffectionate husband is not likely to change

DEAR ABBY: I knew my husband for two years before we married four years ago. My problem is we are no longer intimate -- not even hugs or kisses. For the first two years we did have sex, but the only affection I get now is a kiss on my forehead or my hand.

When I asked if we could sleep together during the weekends, he refused. He says the reason is he has to finish his work. I have told him how much this hurts me and he keeps promising to change, but it never happens. When I recently asked him why, he said he is "shy." I am starting to doubt his love for me because when I need him, he's not there, and when I need his support, he doesn't protect me.

His mother is pushing us for a grandchild. She blames me for not "forcing" her son to sleep with me, which is impossible. I spend most of my time working out at the gym or doing volunteer work, which keeps me from getting too depressed. But when my mother-in-law starts in, I feel scared and don't dare go back to my house. Every few nights I have nightmares and wake up crying. I'm beginning to think I should end this marriage. Should I?

ALONE IN SINGAPORE

DEAR ALONE: Whatever is going on with your husband, it doesn't appear that he has been completely candid with you. He appears to be using his workload as an excuse not to be intimate. I also seriously doubt that his problem is "shyness."

Your husband may have erectile difficulties or a diminished sex drive, which are medical problems that could be fixed if he was willing to address them. He may be involved with someone else, not be interested in women at all, or he could have simply fallen out of love with you.

Regardless of what your MIL says, a child is NOT your answer and would only complicate matters further. If your husband would consent to counseling with you, it might help. If not, by all means talk to a lawyer.

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance has just been told that he has cancer. He wants to move our wedding date up because of it, to make sure my boys and I will be taken care of if things don't go well. I am torn about whether we should. I want to marry him, but I think we should work on one thing at a time. Thoughts, Abby?

MAYBE MARRYING IN MINNESOTA

DEAR MAYBE MARRYING: Your fiance is looking out for you and your boys, and I respect that. The traditional marriage vows include "... for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part." He may survive his cancer diagnosis—many patients do.

While some in your situation would want to wait until things were more certain, there are no guarantees in life. Your fiance will need your strength, love and care in the months to come, and if knowing you are taken care of will ease his mind, I think you should do it.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

OH MY GOSH, HOBBES! DON'T MOVE!
WHAT? WHAT IS IT?
THE BIGGEST, UGLIEST, FUZZIEST CATERPILLAR I'VE EVER SEEN IS ABOUT TO CHOMP YOUR BOTTOM!
AAUGH! KILL IT! KILL IT!
YOW!
WHAM!
YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS? YOU'VE GOT NO APPRECIATION FOR PHYSICAL HUMOR, THAT'S WHAT!
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Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

SO, NO DECK?
OH, THE DECK WILL HAPPEN.
WE'LL JUST SAVE UP SO WE CAN HIRE SOMEBODY.
WE HAVE THE BOARDS... THE NAILS AND SCREWS... THE POSTS...
THE COOLER FULL OF DOUBLE STUF CINNAMON BUN-FLAVORED OREOS...
CONSTRUCTION IS HUNGRY WORK, SON.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

THE TESTS SHOW THAT YOUR NOSE MUSCLES ARE GETTING WEAK.
HOW MANY REAR ENDS DO YOU SNIFF PER DAY?
MAYBE FIVE?
TSK TSK... I WANT THAT INCREASED TO SEVEN AT LEAST.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Flop
4 Firsties
8 TV remote button
12 Numbered rd.
13 Earth sci.
14 Exam format
15 Small batteries
16 Sweet Christmas candy
18 Egg-beating tool
20 Misery
21 B — boy
24 More bizarre
28 Tina Fey's "30 Rock" role
32 Wrestling style
33 Mimic
34 Toothpaste holders
36 Wrong (Pref.)
37 Henning or Flutie
39 Tot's appointment
41 Bygone Ford
43 Messes up
44 Scale members
46 Pisa's land
50 Head honcho
55 Ms. Farrow
56 Con
57 Atop
58 New Deal pres.
59 Bell sound
60 Elmer's bane
61 '60s chic

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1 Sketch
2 Six-sided state
3 He loved Lucy
4 Tracy/Hepburn film
5 Post-op area
6 Marsh
7 Cabbage salad
8 Scooters' kin
9 Internet address
10 Greek cross
11 Shade tree
17 Kanga's kid
19 Erie Canal mule
22 "It's my turn!"
23 Aristocrat
25 Russian council
26 Send forth
27 American Beauty, e.g.
28 Stow cargo
29 Apple product
30 Hera's husband
31 Close
35 Damascus denizens
38 Pet rodent
40 "Spring ahead" hrs.
42 Meadow
45 Rebuff
47 Like most car radios
48 Chic beach resort
49 Lawn party site
50 Spigot
51 Single
52 School org.
53 "Simpsons" storekeeper
54 Eggy quaff

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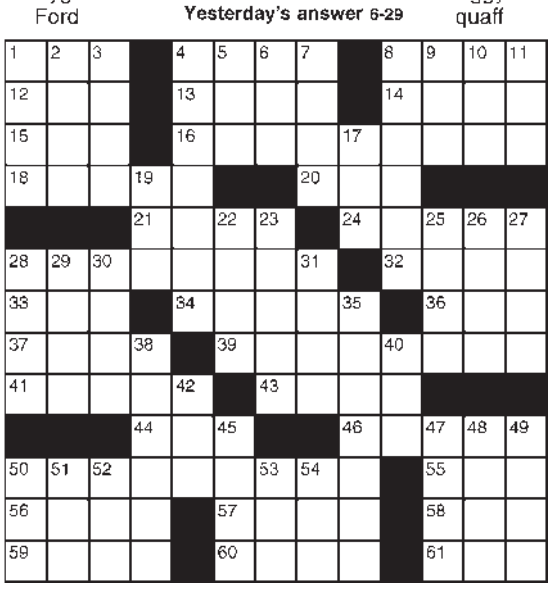

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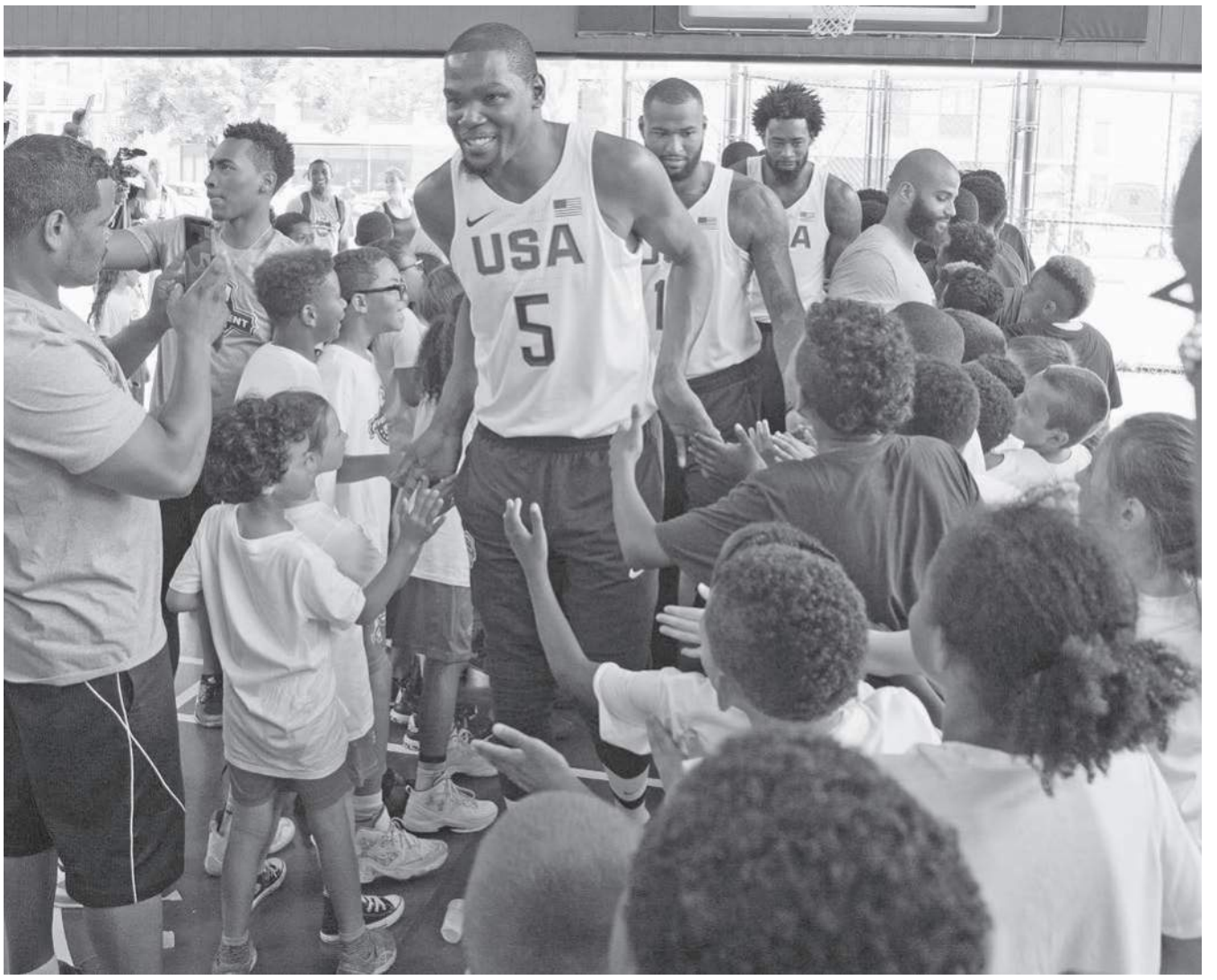

AP
The U.S. men's Olympic basketball team player Kevin Durant greets kids who participated in a basketball clinic as he arrives for a news conference Monday, June 27, 2016, in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—Kyrie Irving took one last shot on the flight home from the NBA Finals, hoping LeBron James would play in the Olympics.

James isn't going to Rio, and neither are many more of basketball's best players.

The Americans think they'll be just fine with who they have.

"We should be heavily favored," Golden State's Klay Thompson said. "I mean, 12 NBA stars, very unselfish guys, very versatile team, we definitely should be favored. It's a disappointment if we don't win gold."

The U.S. selected the roster Monday, led by Kevin Durant and Carmelo Anthony, it hopes can do that for the third straight time.

Durant and Anthony are the only players with Olympic experience after a number of stars, including James, decided to skip Rio.

Also chosen were: Golden State's Draymond Green and Harrison Barnes; Toronto's Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan; Indiana's Paul George; Chicago's Jimmy Butler; Sacramento's DeMarcus Cousins and the Clippers' DeAndre Jordan.

Irving was the MVP of the 2014 Basketball World Cup on a U.S. team that included Thompson, Cousins and DeRozan and easily won gold.

The Americans should roll into Rio as the favorites. Yet they won't look as imposing as expected after the withdrawals of NBA MVP Stephen Curry and All-Stars such as Russell Westbrook, Chris Paul and James Harden.

"As far as the talent goes and the level of play, I'm pretty sure that that's still going to be the same," Anthony said. "We don't have as many of the big-name guys that we've had before, but I think so far this is a great group of guys and they're hungry. They want to play."

USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo said having a national team pool, which he began in 2005, always has the Americans ready for player losses. There were 31 players in this year's and he had to go deep into it—and eventually even beyond it—to find 12 as the usual factors that can knock players out were joined by the Zika virus and other concerns in Brazil.

Anthony said he talked to doctors and people who have been to Brazil about the risks of the mosquito-borne virus.

"Prior to this year, in the past we dealt with things like free agency, injuries, personal issues that might prevent someone from moving forward. This year it was exacerbated by circumstances beyond anyone's control, and that was the reality, the speculation and the circumstance in Rio," Colangelo said. "So somewhat more challenging, but at the end of the day, and this is important: This is not about who isn't here, this is about who is here."

Anthony becomes the first U.S. men's basketball player to appear in four Olympics. Durant set a U.S. record by averaging 19.5 points in London and also was the MVP when the U.S. won the 2010 world championship.

"Shoot, when you're playing with the best players in the world, it makes it easy," Durant said. "I'm just going out there and playing my game. They take all the pressure off of me."

Duke's Mike Krzyzewski will coach the Americans for the third and final time, tying Henry Iba's team record. He will lead a team with strong NBA credentials - nine were All-Stars this season—but a little short on international experience after the withdrawals.

James would have joined Anthony with a fourth selection. He pulled out last week after leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to the NBA championship.

Irving said winning a gold medal would be even sweeter, and he attempted to convince James to chase it with him.

"Hey, I tried," Irving said. "I tried to get him to come and after we won the championship told him—I was kind of nudging him on the plane, I was like, 'So are going to play USA?' He just didn't know at the time and I gave him a lot of space because, I mean, he's been playing basketball every single year for a long length of time."

The heaviest losses came at the point guard spot, where Curry passed on making his Olympic debut after knee and ankle injuries in the playoffs. Former Olympians Paul and Westbrook also pulled out and what was a position of strength became so depleted that Lowry was added last week even though he wasn't even a member of the pool.

But Colangelo focused on the strength of the team that was selected, adding he and Krzyzewski are excited about the challenge of working with new faces.

"Their credentials speak for themselves and now it's just a matter of coach having some time with the group, because there's so many new people, just getting everyone to blend in," Colangelo said.

Ledecky heading to Rio, wins 400 free at US Olympic trials

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Katie Ledecky has set the bar so high, it's a bit of a disappointment when she doesn't set a world record.

The 19-year-old has no complaints.

She's heading back to the Olympics.

Getting that formality out of the way in her first event of the U.S. swimming trials, Ledecky held off a persistent challenge from Leah Smith to win the 400-meter freestyle on Monday night.

"The last 150, I just kept telling myself, 'Rio! Rio! Rio!'" said Ledecky, who is also a big favorite in two other freestyle races to come. "I just tried to keep myself fired up and didn't really care what the time was."

Ledecky, who surprisingly won her first Olympic gold at age 15 four years ago in London, is now recognized as one of the most dominant freestylers in history. She set a blistering pace over the first half of the race, putting her more than 2 seconds ahead of the time from her record-setting performance at the 2014 Pan Pacific Championships in Australia.

But Ledecky tired a bit over the final 200, another world mark slipping away when she touched in 3 minutes, 58.98 seconds. Smith pushed the 19-year-old winner all the way, also claiming an Olympic berth by finishing at 4:00.65.

The crowd of more than 14,000 groaned a bit when they saw Ledecky's time, but it was still the third-fastest in history.

"That's fast," Ledecky said. "That's 3 seconds faster than anybody else in the world. I think we're going to really represent the U.S. well in that event."

Also Monday, Dana Vollmer locked up another trip to the Olympics less than 16 months after giving birth to her first child.

She finished second in the 100 butterfly behind Olympic rookie Kelsi Worrell, one of several young swimmers already signaling a changing of the guard in the first two days of the meet.

Smith will be heading to her first Olympics. Ditto for the top two in the 100 breaststroke, won by Kevin Cordes followed by Cody Miller.

That means seven Olympic first-timers have already made the powerful American team. Chase Kalisz, Jay Litherland and Maya DiRado qualified on the first night of the trials.

"Watching the other first-time Olympians, I feel like not a lot of people see the background," Smith said. "Maya DiRado and Kevin Cordes have been good since 2013 and missed out earlier. I was nowhere near making the team in 2012, it's been steady progress."

In the 100 fly, defending Olympic champion Vollmer led at the turn, but the late-blooming Worrell rallied on the return lap to post the second-fastest time in the world this year at 56.48.

Vollmer touched next in 57.21, giving her the second Olympic spot.

The 28-year-old Vollmer, a four-time gold medalist, was cheered on by her husband and their young son, Arlen.

"I had no idea how it would go when I started," Vollmer said. "It's really been an amazing life's journey for me. To come in with no expectations and kind of improve all the time. I was a little disappointed when I touched with the time, but then you realize time doesn't matter. I still got second place and I'm going to Rio."

Worrell didn't even make the American squad for last year's world championships, but she's Rio bound as well.

"I'm just so excited to be here," Worrell said. "It is my first time, and I didn't know what to expect."

One night after stunningly missing out on an Olympic berth in the 400 individual medley, an ailing Ryan Lochte swam two more grueling races to qualify for the final of the 200 freestyle.

Shaking off the pain of a groin injury, Lochte got through the morning preliminaries and posted the fifth-fastest time in the evening semifinals.

But Lochte has his work cut out for him to earn an Olympic berth in Tuesday's final, and he's admittedly having trouble with his kicks and turns. He finished in 1:47.58 seconds, getting passed by both Conor Dwyer and Clark Smith on the final lap of their semifinal heat.

"All I wanted to do was get a lane for tomorrow and that's what I did," Lochte said. "Tomorrow is definitely going to be rough, and it's going to be fast."

Dwyer, who already earned a spot on the Olympic team in the 400 free, was the top qualifier at 1:46.96.

There was nearly an even bigger shocker in the semifinals of the women's 100 backstroke. Defending Olympic champion Missy Franklin, one of America's biggest stars at the London Games four years ago, got off to an even slower start than usual and barely qualified for Tuesday's final.

Rangers wrap up victory at 2:44am, outlast rain, Yanks

AP

Texas Rangers Adrian Beltre hits a ninth-inning, two-run single in a baseball game against the New York Yankees that began on Monday, June 27, 2016 in New York, and ended on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 after a three-and-a-half hour rain delay.

NEW YORK (AP)—The Texas Rangers wrapped up a weird win at 2:44 a.m. Tuesday, rallying after a rain delay of more than 3 1/2 hours in the ninth inning to beat the New York Yankees 9-6 with maybe 100 fans left in the stands.

Yankee Stadium was so deserted that shouts from Texas players cheering in the dugout for Adrian Beltre's go-ahead, two-run single could easily be heard bouncing around the ballpark.

Texas trailed 6-5 when Kirby Yates replaced closer Aroldis Chapman after the delay with a runner on first and no outs. Yates (2-1) hit three batters, and Beltre and Elvis Andrus each hit a two-run single.

By then, the cleaning crews had already started their work in the upper decks.

Rain-themed songs wafted over the sound system while showers fell during the break of 3 hours, 35 minutes. A half-dozen policemen without slickers or umbrellas got soaked while ringing the field, ensuring nobody tried to slide on the tarp - no one did.

This was nowhere near the longest rain delay at this stadium. Two months after it opened in 2009, the start of a game against Washington was delayed 5 1/2 hours.

There is no official record of the longest rain delay in major league history.

Cubs 11, Reds 8

In Cincinnati, Kris Bryant became the first major leaguer to hit three homers and two doubles in a game, and Jake Arrieta added a solo shot in the ballpark where he threw a no-hitter in April, leading the Chicago Cubs to a victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Cubs pulled out of their 1-6 slide behind a tandem that's had some huge moments in Cincinnati.

Indians 8, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Lonnie Chisenhall hit a three-run homer, Trevor Bauer (6-2) gave up two runs in six innings and Cleveland beat Atlanta for its 10th straight win.

Jason Kipnis added a home run in the ninth.

The AL Central-leading Indians extended the majors' longest winning streak of the season.

Nationals 11, Mets 4

In Washington, Ben Revere had four hits and three steals as Washington handed Noah Syndergaard his first loss in more than a month, beating New York in the opener of a three-game series between NL East rivals.

Nationals starter Joe Ross (7-4) gave up four early runs, then retired 11 of his last 12 batters. Anthony Rendon had three RBI for Washington.

Dodgers 5, Pirates 4

In Pittsburgh, A.J. Ellis hit a tiebreaking, two-out infield single that capped a four-run fifth inning, and Los Angeles rallied past Pittsburgh to salvage the finale of a four-game series.

Scott Kazmir (6-3), who entered with an 11.17 ERA at PNC Park, won despite allowing four runs, four hits and four walks in five innings. Kenley Jansen, the Dodgers' sixth pitcher, got four outs for his 22nd save in 25 chances.

Rays 13, Red Sox 7

In St.Peterburg, Nick Franklin homered and drove in a career-high five runs to help Tampa Bay end an 11-game losing streak with a victory over Boston.

Franklin had his first three hits of the season, and Logan Forsythe and Desmond Jennings also homered in support of rookie Blake Snell (1-2), who allowed four runs over 5 1/3 innings to get his first big league win.

Rockies 9, Blue Jays 5

In Denver, Carlos Gonzalez hit a three-run homer, Jon Gray tossed seven solid innings and the Rockies beat Toronto to spoil Troy Tulowitzki's return to Colorado.

Tulowitzki went 0 for 4 in his first game at Coors Field since Toronto acquired him from the Rockies last July 27. He received a standing ovation when he batted in the second inning. He stepped out of the batter's box and doffed his helmet to the 36,491 fans.

Royals 6, Cardinals 2

In Kansas City, Danny Duffy matched a career best with eight sharp innings and Kansas City defeated St. Louis to open a four-game, two-city series between cross-state rivals.

Kendrys Morales went 4 for 4 and drove in two runs, and Eric Hosmer also had a pair of RBI as the Royals roughed up Adam Wainwright (6-5) to snap a four-game losing streak to the Cardinals.

Athletics 8, Giants 3

In San Francisco, Daniel Mengden pitched into the eighth inning for his first major league win, backed by Marcus Semien's three-run homer and four RBI, and Oakland beat San Francisco to open the Bay Bridge Series.

Semien connected in the second, and Jed Lowrie and Khris Davis added RBI doubles against Jeff Samardzija (8-5) during a five-run inning.

Phillies 8, Diamondbacks 0

In Phoenix, Vince Velasquez threw five strong innings in his return from the disabled list, and Philadelphia beat Arizona.

Velasquez (6-2), who hadn't pitched since June 8 because of a right biceps strain, gave up five hits and struck out seven with no walks.

Tennis teacher ranked 772nd wins at Wimbledon; Federer next

LONDON (AP)—Marcus Willis originally was scheduled to spend Monday teaching tennis to a group of 5-to-10-year-old kids, among others, at Warwick Boat Club in central England.

Instead, Willis wound up with grander, and more lucrative, plans: playing—and winning! —a match at Wimbledon.

And on Wednesday, Willis' students will need to find a substitute yet again, because he will be busy at the All England Club, standing across the net from none other than Roger Federer in the second round.

Now there's something to brag about to friends: "The guy who coaches me is playing Federer at Wimbledon."

Quite surreal, to choose the pitch-perfect word Willis used more than once to describe the series of events that brought him to this point. He is, after all, a 25-year-old with admittedly something of a beer gut who resides with his parents - "Living the dream," Willis joked - makes about $40 an hour for giving tennis lessons when he's not competing at local club tournaments, is ranked 772nd and never had played a tour-level match until Monday.

His 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory over 54th-ranked Ricardo Berankis before a wildly supportive and singing crowd of fellow Brits at tiny Court 17 was by far the most intriguing development on Day 1 of the grass-court Grand Slam tournament. There were ho-hum straight-set victories for past champions Federer, Novak Djokovic and Venus Williams, for example, and a half-dozen exits by lower-seeded players.

Willis truly made news, becoming the worst-ranked qualifier to reach the second round at any major since No. 923 Jared Palmer at the 1988 U.S. Open.

"One of the best stories in a long time in our sport," said Federer, who beat Guido Pella 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3), 6-3 in his return to Grand Slam tennis after missing the French Open with a bad back.

Willis' take on his surprising success: "This doesn't happen, really."

So how did it happen?

As a teen, Willis appeared to be an up-and-coming junior, reaching the third round of the Wimbledon boys' tournament in 2007 and 2008, but injuries and what he describes as a lack of dedication derailed his career.

"Tore my hamstring twice. Hurt my knee earlier this year. Had a bit of a rough phase. I was down, struggling to get out of bed in the morning," Willis said.

"I was a bit of a loser. I was overweight," he said. "I just looked myself in the mirror (and) said, 'You're better than this.'"

He says he was close to abandoning hope of a pro career, considering a move to Philadelphia to teach tennis, when his new girlfriend told him to keep trying to play.

"I met the girl. She told me not to (quit), so I didn't," Willis said with a smile. "Do what I'm told."

Fast-forward to this month, when he was the last man invited to participate in a playoff for British players to earn a wild card into Wimbledon qualifying. Willis won three matches there, then another three in qualifying to get into the main draw.

And then the left-handed serve-and-volleyer defeated Berankis by saving 19 of 20 break points and hitting 14 aces while using what he describes as an "unorthodox" mix of spins. Afterward, Willis raced to the stands to kiss his girlfriend before being swallowed by a group hug from a bunch of longtime friends.

By getting to the second round, Willis is guaranteed at least 50,000 pounds (about $65,000). Not bad for someone whose prize money in 2016 had been about $350 - and that figure includes singles and doubles.

His career earnings when he arrived at Wimbledon were under $100,000.

"I've got to understand it's not going to be like this every week. The reality of the tour—it's brutal. It's cutthroat," Willis said. "I want to be a top-100 tennis player. I want this, week-in and week-out. It's going to take a lot of hard work, and I've got a lot of improving to do as well."

Next up is Federer, whose record 17 Grand Slam titles include a record-tying seven at the All England Club.

"I'm not sure he can play on grass," Willis said with a perfect deadpan delivery.

Then he continued: "I get to play on a stadium court. This is what I dreamed of when I was younger. I'm going to go out there and try to win the tennis match. I probably won't. I might not."

Sure. But given all that's gone on for Willis lately, who's to say?

England out of Euro 2016, beaten by Iceland

NICE, France (AP)—After voting to leave the European Union last week, the English left the soccer European Championship in similarly surprising fashion on Monday in what will go down as their most embarrassing loss in a generation.

Iceland, whose population of 330,000 makes it the smallest nation ever to compete at the tournament, pulled off one of the biggest shocks in European Championship history by beating England 2-1 in the round of 16.

"This is probably going to be a day that we will talk about for the rest of our lives," said Iceland joint-coach Heimir Hallgrimsson, who runs a dentist surgery in his spare time.

Iceland's players danced and sang in front of their joyous fans after earning the biggest victory in their small nation's history. Next up is an even bigger challenge—host nation France on Sunday—but nothing may top beating England, a team Iceland always used to support in major tournaments.

AP

England's Wayne Rooney, left, pulls the shirt of Iceland's Gylfi Sigurdsson during the Euro 2016 round of 16 soccer match between England and Iceland, at the Allianz Riviera stadium in Nice, France, Monday, June 27, 2016.

As for England, the defeat meant more humiliation on the big stage and surely another inquest into why a team of supposedly talented players failed again.

David Cameron stepped down as British Prime Minister after the result of last week's referendum that unsettled the country and the whole of Europe. England coach Roy Hodgson did the same after overseeing yet another humiliating campaign in a major tournament.

"Now is the time for someone else to oversee the progress of this young, hungry and extremely talented group of players," Hodgson said. "They have been fantastic."

The England fans who jeered the team off the field at halftime and fulltime at the Stade de Nice will likely have a different opinion. This unexpected result for the country that invented the game came two years after England exited the World Cup in disgrace at the group stage.

It all started so well on the French Riviera for England, with captain Wayne Rooney putting the team ahead from the penalty spot in the fourth minute after Raheem Sterling was clipped by Hannes Halldorsson as he prodded the ball past the goalkeeper.

Crucially, Iceland struck back within two minutes through Ragnar Sigurdsson, who volleyed in at the far post after Kari Arnason's flick-on from a long throw. It is the third time Iceland has scored a goal from a long-throw routine this tournament.

Kolbeinn Sigthorsson then took advantage of more slack defending by England, getting time and space to shoot from just inside the area after intricate build-up play. England goalkeeper Joe Hart got a hand to the effort but the ball squirmed over the line.

Iceland was relatively untroubled in the second half as England's passing and touch deserted its team of supposed Premier League stars, with Rooney especially culpable. The catcalls from England supporters were at their loudest when Harry Kane miscontrolled a pass in the last minutes.

England's players slumped to the ground in front of their jeering fans after the final whistle, crestfallen and their heads in their hands.

For a soccer nation of England's standing, its record in major tournaments is woeful. The English have still never won a knockout-stage game abroad in the European Championship in eight attempts and haven't won a match beyond the group stage of a major tournament since 2006.

This defeat will probably go down as England's biggest humiliation since losing 1-0 to the United States in 1950 World Cup.

"It's embarrassing for us," Rooney said. "We know we're a better team. You can't explain it."

Iceland's reaction at the final whistle was so different.

Its squad and backroom staff raced onto the field in pure joy to celebrate with the team. Iceland captain Aron Gunnarrsson, who plays for Cardiff in the second tier of English football, tore off his shirt off and ran over to fans, leading his teammates in dancing and singing.

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PBT (28.11 seconds) logged on May 7, 2016 during the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation Closing Swim Meet. Welch also set a new PBT, as his earlier best read at 28.02 seconds and was also made in the same local competition last month.

Besides the 50 freestyle, the three CNMI swimmers competed, too in the 200m individual medley during the final day of the Oceania tournament. This time, Suzuki beat his two teammates after clocking in at 2:34.54, while Villacrusis and Welch posted 240.11 and 2:40.82, respectively. New Zealand's Wilrich Coetzee topped both the qualifying heat (2:06.03) and finals (2:05.51) of the 200m IM event.

In the 400m freestyle contest last Thursday, Suzuki registered 4:44.11 in the preliminaries to barge into the finals where he finished eighth after submitting 4:49.92. The Cook Islands' Wesley Robert took the gold medal after timing in at 3:57.91.

Meanwhile, Victoria Chentsova also entered the finals of two of her last three events. She first booked an A finals ticket in the 200m backstroke last Thursday after completing the four-lap race in 2:43.92. In the finale, she was just two notches away from getting a medal after placing fifth and posting 2:45.33. New Zealand's Annabelle Paterson claimed the gold medal after clocking in at 2:16.68.

In the 800m freestyle, Chentsova's preliminary time of 9.50.78 mover her into the A finals where she finished seventh and ahead of four other swimmers after recording 9:58.34. New Zealand's Monique King won the gold after completing the event in 8:53.54.

For her final race—the 50m freestyle swim—Chentsova timed in at 30.17 to beat swimmers from Papua New Guinea, the Marshall Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. New Zealand's Gabrielle Fa'amausili was awarded the gold medal in the sprint event after registering 25.60 seconds in the finals.

The Kiwis went on to top the medal tally in the four-day competition with its 51 medals—23 golds, 16 silvers, and 12 bronzes. Australia finished second with its 16-18-9 tally, followed by the Cook Islands (2-0-0), Guam (1-1-0), PNG (0-3-3-), Fiji (0-2-5), Samoa (0-2-1), Hawaii (0-1-5), and New Caledonia (0-1-5).

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Madison Bishop.

An all-Japanese third round tiff was arranged after Furuya and Ohashi prevailed against Singapore's Ashley Yim, 6-2, 6-1, and New Zealand's Ashleigh Harvey, 6-3, 6-4. Bishop and Clark also took only two sets to set up their Round of 16 collision as the former topped the Solomon Island's Georjemah Row, 6-1, 6-1, and the Kiwi bet triumphed over Tahiti's Naia Guitton, 6-1, 6-2.

Claudia Ng, on the other hand, needed three sets to knock off Australia's Sophia Fry, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3) and arrange a meeting with Kobayashi, who eased past China's Jing Jing Yang, 6-1, 6-1.

Meanwhile, at the top half of the bracket, the Round of 16 qualifiers were Japan's Akane Koizumi and Marie Shindo, Hong Kong's Wing Sze Yu and Justine Sophia Leong, the U.S.' Sara Tsukamoto, New Zealand's Stella Cliffe, Palau's Ayana Rengiil, and Australia's Kaitlin Staines.

The top-ranked Staines won over Fiji's Kumar Fong, 6-3, 6-0, to set up a third round tiff against Leong, a 6-2, 6-1 winner over Japan's Koharu Nimi. Rengiil pulled off a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 triumph against Japan's Yoshika Furuya for a Round of 16 date against Cliffe, who defeated Japan's Kaede Tada, 6-3, 7-6 (3). Tada earlier ousted the CNMI's Tania Tan in the first round, 6-0, 6-3.

Another Commonwealth bet—Isabel Heras—bowed to Luciana Kunkel, 6-3, 1-6, 3-6, but the latter was beaten by Yu, 6-3, 6-0. Yu is paired against Tsukamoto, who swept Japan's Shiho Shibata, 6-2, 6-2. The remaining Round of 16 pairing will have Koizumi battling Shindo.

Meanwhile, in the doubles competition, Lee is again paired with Rengiil and they drew a bye in the opening round. The second-ranked duo will have its first match today against Australia's Mia Savio and Yang.

Heras will team up with the U.S' Bryn Johnson and they will challenge Japan's Sachiho Sho and Kaede Tada, while Tan is joining forces with Singapore's Julia Barden and they are pitted against another Japanese pair in Ohashi and Ukita.

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only in the second inning with Reynold Sadang reaching home off Keith Inawo's single. The rest of Palau's runners made it no past second base as the CNMI's defense was on point in the majority of the game.

On offense, the Henry Lizama-managed squad drew a good game from Lamarc Iguel, who went 2-for-3 at bat and had three RBIs. Lamarc's three-run triple at the bottom of the third inning lifted the CNMI to a promising 9-1 advantage. The host team got two more runs in the third after Anthony Tenorio's single drove Henry Lizama Jr. home and Lamarc also reached off Palau's error at first base.

Earlier in the second, the CNMI collected four runs to make up for its poor start. The Commonwealth bets had a 1-2-3 inning at the bottom of the first before Lamarc and Pay Alepuyo each hit an RBI single and Brian Camacho reached home off Juan Iguel's sacrifice fly at centerfield in the second. Alepuyo was also on target in the fourth inning, blasting a two-run double to give the CNMI the double-digit lead, 12-1. Nokki Saralu scored the first run in the fourth, courtesy of Juan Iguel's double.

The Commonwealth players had 1-2-3 innings in the fifth and sixth, but that did not affect the team's chances against Palau, as the latter continued to struggle in the remainder of the game. The home squad capped the one-sided match in style with a double play at first and second base.

Palau 5, Kosrae 1

Before bowing to the CNMI, Palau barged into the win column last Monday afternoon after downing Kosrae.

Avery Amos pitched in no relief for Palau and gave up six hits in nine innings, while striking out five batters and allowing no earned run.

Kosrae scored its only run in the fifth inning with Reggie Skilling making it home off Palau's miscue at second base.

Palau, on the other hand, tallied two runs each in the fourth and fifth inning and added one in the sixth. Isimang Smus and Herman Alfonso each had RBI single in the fourth and fifth, respectively, while Lantz Ngiramengior connected an RBI double also in the fifth. Alfonso and Smus recorded Palau's two other runs off Kosrae's defensive lapses.

CNMI 19, CNMI Junior Nationals 5

In last Monday's night game, the CNMI All-Stars clobbered the Junior Nationals.

The winning squad opened a double-digit lead, 11-1, just three innings into the game. Peter Tomokane started things out for the CNMI, as he hit a two-run single in the second inning. Pat Alepuyo and Giovanni Mira added an RBI double and RBI single, respectively, in the same frame, and the former also scored off an error from Junior Nationals pitcher M.J. Sakisat.

The CNMI kept going with a six-run top of the third inning, highlighted by Juan Iguel's two-run single. The selection then failed to score in the fourth, but came out smoking in the fifth, tallying seven runs to complete the breakaway. The Junior Nationals cut the deficit to a decent number after collecting two runs each in the last two innings.

The Junior Nationals, who are composed of the CNMI Big League All-Stars, are guest participants in the tournament and results of their games are not counted in the team standings.

Send-Off Ceremony for CNMI Men's and Women's Teams

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CNMI men's and women's squads players pose for a group photo at the conclusion of a send-off ceremony for them last Monday at Kanoa Resort. The two teams will be playing in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2017 Round 1 in Guam this week.

Blue Ayuyus team captain and goalkeeper Johann Noetzel delivers a brief message.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres shakes hands with CNMI women's team member Mikky Vargas, while NMIFA president Jerry Tan presents the team uniform to Guine-

NMIFA president Jerry Tan explains the importance of the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2017 Round 1 to the CNMI.

NMIFA president Jerry Tan, second left, congratulates Lucas Knecht, right, for making it to the team during the introduction of members of the Blue Ayuyus. Looking on is Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

The CNMI men's and women's coaches and officials, back row, listen to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' message.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres addresses the CNMI players and coaches during the send-off ceremony for the two squads.

CNMI women's team captain Gabrielle Race acknowledges the supporters of their squad.

Sarah Allen is congratulated by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

Durant, Anthony lead 12-player US Olympic roster

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CNMI beats Palau, gets top seeding

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The CNMI All-Stars swept the round-robin preliminary games in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic after easing past Palau, 12-1, yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The home team took its third win in as many games after only six and a half innings via 10-run mercy rule. With its perfect record, the CNMI finished on top of the team standings and will need to win only once against the second finisher in the field tomorrow to advance to Friday's finale. The No. 2 placer in the four-nation competition has yet to be determined at press time as Kosrae (0-2) and Guam (1-1) were scheduled to play in the final round-robin match last night. A Kosrae upset would force a three-way tie for second to fourth place with Palau joining the deadlock with its 1-2 card.

Mike Iguel and Joe Palacios pitched for the Commonwealth and allowed only five hits. With the two pitchers playing steady, Palau scored

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI's Byron Kaipat gets ready at first base, while a Palau runner prepares to run to second during the top of the sixth inning of their game in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Lee sweeps New Zealand foe

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The CNMI's Carol Lee started her bid in the 2016 Oceania Open Junior Championships with a straight set win against her New Zealand opponent yesterday in Fiji.

Lee blanked Holly Stewart in the opening set, 6-0, and completed the sweep with another easy win in the second, 6-2, to barge into the Round of 16 of the ITF Junior ranking tournament. With her victory, the fourth-seeded Lee set up a third round tiff against the No. 14-ranked Yuna Ukita of Japan.

The Japanese gained a Round of 16 slot at the bottom half of the bracket after eliminating Hong Kong's Skylar Wan, 6-0, 7-5. Joining Lee and Ukita to the next round of the lower half of the draw were Japan's Hiroka Furuya, Yuna Ohashi, Misaki Kobayashi, Hong Kong's Claudia Ng, New Zealand's Janvhi Clark, and Australia's

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Strong finish from CNMI swimmers

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CNMI swimmers made it into the finals and marked personal best times in the last two days of competition at the pool in the XI Oceania Championships.

Christian Villacrusis advanced to the B Finals of the 50m breaststroke last Friday, while Lennosuke Suzuki swam in the medal round in the 400m freestyle last Thursday and got a personal best time in the 50m freestyle. Salofi Welch also earned a PBT in the 50m freestyle event, which had its preliminary heats last Friday at the Damodar National Aquatic Centre in Suva, Fiji.

Villacrusis submitted 36.05 seconds in the qualifying heat in the 50m breaststroke to gain the last berth in the B Finals. He then lowered his time in the finals after posting 35.83 seconds. Fiji's Taichi Vakasama (30.23 seconds) won the B Finals, while Guam's Benjie Schulte (29.26 seconds) ruled the A Finals.

In the 50m freestyle, Villacrusis was the fastest among the three CNMI bets with his 27.36 seconds, while Suzuki and Welch also broke the 28-second barrier after recording 27.56 seconds and 27.62 seconds, respectively. The 13-year-old Suzuki eclipsed his previous

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Lennosuke Suzuki, seen here competing in a local meet last month, made it into the finals of the 400m freestyle event in last week's XI Oceania Championships held in Suva, Fiji.